

Text Structure and Language Features: Example 2

Text Structure - Information report

General statement - identifies and classifies the subject

Description

DRUGS

Drugs are chemical substances. There are three different types of drugs; stimulants, depressants and hallucinogens.

Stimulants speed up the central nervous system. They increase heart rate, blood pressure and breathing. Examples are caffeine, nicotine, amphetamines, ecstasy and cocaine.

Depressants slow down the central nervous system. They decrease heart and breathing rates. Alcohol, heroin and analgesics are common examples of these types of drugs.

Hallucinogens change mood, thought and senses. LSD is the most well-known example of this type of drug.

Language Features

Use of general nouns, e.g. drugs

Use of timeless present typical of much scientific writing, e.g. increase, slow down

Use of relating verbs, e.g. is, are

Use of action verbs to build information, e.g. speed up, slow down

Use of detailed noun groups to build up description, e.g. three different types

Use of sentences and statements throughout