Description Sentence Frames

Questions:

What is being described?
What are some of its characteristics?
What does it do? What is it like?

Language:

First,
For example,
For instance,
Another
Also,
In addition,
Too

One-Sentence Description Frame:

The _______ is a kind of _______ that _______.

(Examples: The owl is a kind of bird that hunts at night.
The tornado is a kind of violent storm that happens over land.)

Additional Description Sentence Frames:

In addition, the ______________.
It also ________.
We know this because on page ______ it says ______.
Comparison–Contrast Sentence Frames

Questions:

What is being compared and contrasted?
How are things alike or similar?
How are things not alike? How are they different?

Language:

Same as
Similar to
Alike
Different from
Both
Instead of
While
Some ____, but others ____.

One-Sentence Comparison–Contrast Frames:

_______ and _______ are alike because they both _______.
_______ and _______ are different because _______.
Some _____ _____, but others ______.

Additional Comparison–Contrast Sentence Frames:

While some _____ _____, others ______.

(While some storms start over land, others start over water)
Both ______ are ________, but ______ ______.
On one hand, _______ ______, but sometimes __________.
We know this because on page ____ it says ____ and on page _____ it says __________.
Cause–Effect Sentence Frames

Questions:

What is it that happens?
What causes it to happen?
What is the effect?
What are the important factors that cause this effect?

Language:

Because
This led to
As a result
So
Therefore
If…then
For this reason
Another reason
Consequently

One-Sentence Cause–Effect Frames:

If _______, then _______.

If ______, it will lead to _______.

_______ results in _______.

The effect of _______ is _______.

Additional Cause–Effect Sentence Frames:

One reason _______happens(ed) is that _______.

Another reason is ________.

These factors can lead to ________.

We know this because on page ____ the author states _____.

Sequence–Chronological Sentence Frames

Questions:

What is being described in sequence?
What are the major steps in this sequence?
What happens at each stage of the sequence, process, or cycle?
Why is this sequence important?

Language:

First,  Before
Next,  Following that
Then,  Later
After that,  After
Finally,  Now
Earlier  The final result

A One-Sentence Sequence/Chronological Frame:

At first, ______, but finally, _______.
In the beginning ______, but by the end _______.
Before ______, but after _______.
Then, ______, but now, _______.

Additional Sequence/Chronological Sentence Frames:

I want to explain how _______.
First of all/To begin with _______.
Then, _______.
After that, _______.
Finally/As a result of this/Now _______.
I know this to be true because the author describes _______ on page(s) _______.

Problem–Solution Sentence Frames

Questions:

What is the problem?
Who has the problem?
What is causing the problem?
What are the effects of the problem?
Who is trying to solve the problem?
What solutions are recommended or tried?
What are the results?

Language:

Problem  One answer is
Wanted  If…then
Solution  Because

A One-Sentence Problem–Solution Frame

______(Somebody) wanted ______, but ______, so ______. *
(Little Red Hen wanted to bake bread, but no one would help her, so she did it herself.) (Used with a character in a book.)

The problem is _______ and one answer is ____________. (Used with nonfiction text, topics, and issues.)

Additional Problem–Solution Sentence Frames:

The problem described in this text is ______. The author suggests on page ______ that one solution might be _____________.

If _________, then __________. Although __________, the problem could be solved by __________.

Opinion or Persuasion Sentence Frames

Questions:

What is the general topic or issue?
What viewpoint(s) is the author presenting?
What details, facts, and data is the author supplying to support his claim?
Which viewpoint do you agree with and support?
What is your opinion? Can you support it with evidence?

Language:

You should
You should not
I agree
I disagree because
Based on the evidence the author presents
Instead
Some believe
Others believe
Most agree

A One-Sentence Opinion or Persuasion Frame:

You should _______ because _______.
You should not _______ because _______.
In my opinion _______ because ___________.
It is my viewpoint that _______ because _______.

Additional Opinion or Persuasion Sentence Frames

I believe that _______ because here in the text on page ____, the author says _______.
Another reason for this opinion is that the author states on page _______ that _______.
Some people don’t believe this. Instead, they believe ___________.
But, based on the evidence that the author presents, I agree that _______.