***Identifying Sentence Patterns***

**Sentence patterns of organization** show the relationships between details in a sentence and paragraph. The following table shows the different types of **sentence pattern organization:**

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| **Sentence pattern** | **Explanation** | **Clues** |
| Chronological/time order | Incidents arranged according to time | first- second- next- then- while- after- before- later- so far |
| Statement and support | Main idea stated followed by sentences explaining it with facts, examples, opinions |  |
| Problem and solution | Problem stated and solution provided |  |
| Comparison | Details discussing only similarities | both- similarly- like- too- the same- as |
| Contrast | Details discussing only differences | unlike- in contrast- while- contrary- yet- still |
| Comparison and contrast | Details discussing both similarities and differences; comparative and superlative adjectives used | both- as- unlike- whereas- while- on the other hand |
| Cause | Causes provided and discussed | the first cause- due to- because of- since- as |
| Effect | Effects provided and discussed | the first effect- as a result- thus- therefore- consequently |
| Cause and Effect | Causes and effects provided and discussed |  |
| Classification | A general topic presented and the rest of the paragraph giving information that divides the topic into parts | first item/ group/ category/, second item/ group/ category |
| Definition | An unfamiliar idea/ item introduced and the rest of the paragraph providing definition and explanation |  |
| Exemplification | An idea introduced and the rest of the paragraph supporting it | for instance, for example, such as |
| Description | Forming a picture of an event, person, idea, theory |  |

***Application***

***Identify the sentence pattern of each of the following sentences below and circle the clue in each:***

1. Since it is 100 years ago this week that Britain entered the First World War- and at the moment the world seems to be especially ridden with conflict. …………………………………………………………………………………………….
2. Most of the time, wars are the result of quarrels over resources and land, or of a government’s desire to increase its influence and power. ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………..
3. However, looking back over the history of warfare, what is most striking is how willing most people have been to fight in wars, or at least to support them. …………………………………………………………………………………….
4. When Great Britain joined the First World War, in August 1914, massive crowds celebrated outside Buckingham Palace. ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..
5. The early American psychologist William James once suggested that war is so prevalent because of its positive psychological effects. ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….
6. War binds people together- not just the army engaged in battle, but the whole community. …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….
7. It brings a sense of cohesion, with communal goals, and inspires individual citizens to behave honorably and unselfishly, and supplies meaning and purpose. ………………………………………………………………………………………..
8. In other parts of the world such as in Gaza, Palestine and many parts of Africa, it’s harder for people to satisfy those impulses. ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….
9. Why do I go to the park and half of the people I see are overweight or severely obesed.

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1. We are fatter because we don’t eat like our ancestors. ……………………………………………………………………………..
2. If you are in tune with what happens when energy intake is greater than expenditure, you know the excess energy is stored as body fat. ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….
3. A long time ago, when we had to chase down our food and stab it with a sharp object, storing fat was essential for survival as it could be days or weeks before we might feast again. …………………………………………
4. Some of that ingested energy went to preserving lean body mass but a lot of the excess was shuttled right into my fat cells. ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….
5. We sometimes eat to relieve stress and find comfort in eating certain foods. ……………………………………………..
6. While I have not looked at statistics, I am willing to bet those of us at high stress jobs are more likely to be overweight than those in less stressful positions. ……………………………………………………………………………………….
7. I have also noticed people working in lower stress environments to be slimmer and more fit. I supposed they had more energy and vigor outside of work to be more active than their stressed- out counterparts. Now, this could all be coincidence and anecdotal but I have a hunch there is more to it than that. ………………………
8. If you are inactive and desire to maintain your weight it’s most definitely a great idea to begin working out a few times per week, burn some calories and move around a bit more than usual. ………………………………….
9. I am not telling you to completely limit your intake of what you really enjoy eating because that will only make you crazy. ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….
10. Car pools, lunch bags, after-school activities, dinner, homework, bath time, bedtime are all on top of your own jobs and the other realities of adulthood. ……………………………………………………………………………………………
11. You have just enough energy left to drag yourself to bed so you can wake early and start the routine all over again. …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..
12. Each day with young kids feels like a week, each week like a month. …………………………………………………………..
13. Yet as every birthday passes, the years seem to be flying by at warp speed. ……………………………………………….
14. Every day brings new growth and new wonderment, but the challenges of juggling our adult lives often prevent us from fully appreciating the delicate touches of childhood. ………………………………………………………..
15. However, instead of worrying about how many minutes you can spend with your children each day, focus on turning those minutes into memorable moments. ………………………………………………………………………………..
16. Parents often compensate for having such a small quantity of time by scheduling “quality time”: two hours at the nature preserve, an afternoon at the movies or dinner at a restaurant. ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..
17. But the truth is that quality time may occur when you least expect it- yes, at the nature preserve, but also in the car on the way to ballet practice. …………………………………………………………………………………………………………..
18. The reason that a developing nation wishes to become a developed nation is of primary importance since it affects the manner and speed with which a developed nation decides what problems exist, and what solutions are found for these problems. ……………………………………………………………………………………………………..
19. A developing country is a country with a low -income average, a relatively backwards infrastructure and a poor human development index when compared to the global norm. ……………………………………………………….
20. Development entails developing a modern infrastructure (both physical and institutional), and a move away from low value added sectors such as agriculture and natural resource extraction. ……………………………………
21. The application of the term “developing country”, to all of the world’s least developed countries could be considered inappropriate in the cases of a number of poor countries, due to the fact that they are not improving their economic situation as the term implies, but have experienced prolonged periods of economic decline. ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..
22. It wasn’t until I stumbled onto the story of Danny Bowman, a 19-year- old British teen who exemplifies the worst case scenario of a selfie addiction- living proof that a new vice may currently be emerging. ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..
23. Growing increasingly frustrated with his inability to capture the perfect selfie, he eventually tried to commit suicide. ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….
24. But as soon as you bring in somebody else to help you, it changes the equation. ………………………………………
25. A lot of seriously ill people already feel they’re a burden because they’re costing their family money.

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1. Cancer and birth defects are said to be up to five times more common in the African continent than in the other parts of the world. ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..
2. The following day, a message was written on the computer. ………………………………………………………………………
3. One tip was to obtain a heritage summary- a document that includes information. …………………………………..
4. We thought we had a member of John’s family on the phone, but it was another dead end. ……………………….
5. They showered their only child with gifts, expectations, and with love. ……………………………………………………….
6. When he was nine, he strangled the family cat, because it kept pestering him and because his hands still had the strength to do. ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….
7. I’m like Jekyll and Hyde. ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………
8. Their deaths will leave behind tens of millions of orphans, who lose the chance for an education. ………………
9. It was the second disaster in the region in less than two months. ………………………………………………………………..
10. The rise of a major power is both economic and military in nature. …………………………………………………………….
11. Angola was a country rich in natural resources such as wood. Iron ore and silver. ……………………………………..
12. Studies showed that an earthquake with a maximum 6.5 to 7 on the Richter scale is expected here soon. ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………
13. If people had no cars, but no longer needed gasoline, there will be less pollution. ………………………………………
14. The tectonic plates of the Pacific region are the main cause underlying the occurrence of floods in that area. ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………
15. Air pollution is caused by the following factors: exhaust gases from cars, uncontrolled factory releases, and burning of low-quality coal for heating. ……………………………………………………………………………………………………….
16. Alternative forms of fuel would have positive effects on people and the world economically and environmentally. ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….