

Graphic Organizers

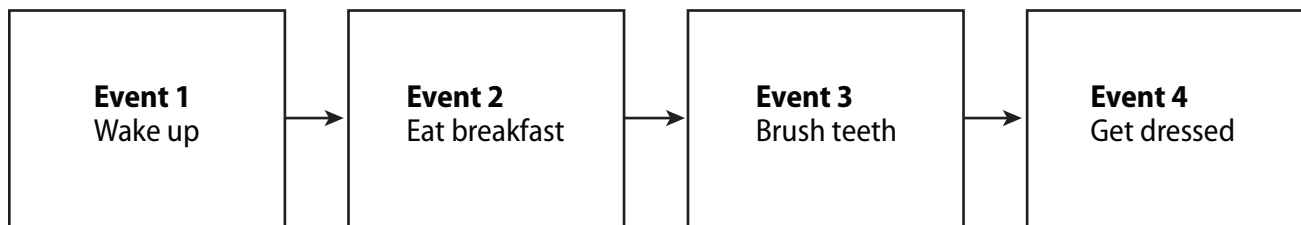
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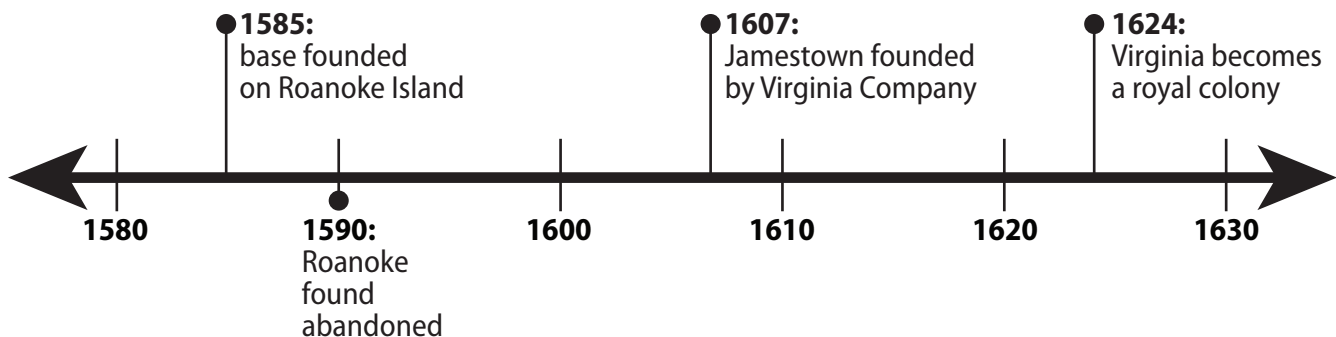
Graphic organizers show how ideas and details fit together using pictures instead of just words. Authors use them to present information, but readers also use them to take notes and make sense of what they read.

Solve The SOL Reading exam will not ask you to create a new organizer. It usually presents an organizer that is missing a key piece of information. To fill in the blank, you must identify what relationship the organizer shows. Many organizers present the same relationships discussed in the Organization lesson on pages 42-43: cause/effect, sequence, time, and comparison/contrast.

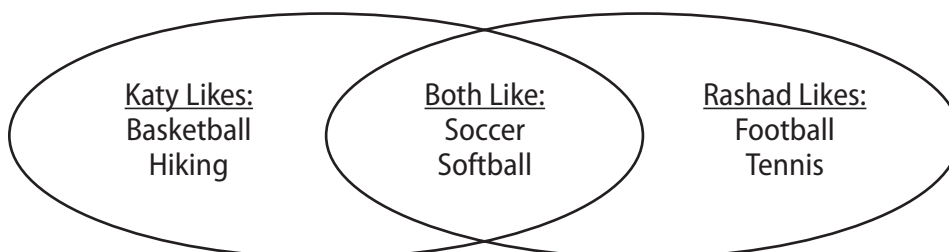
Chain-of-events charts show *sequence* or *cause and effect*.



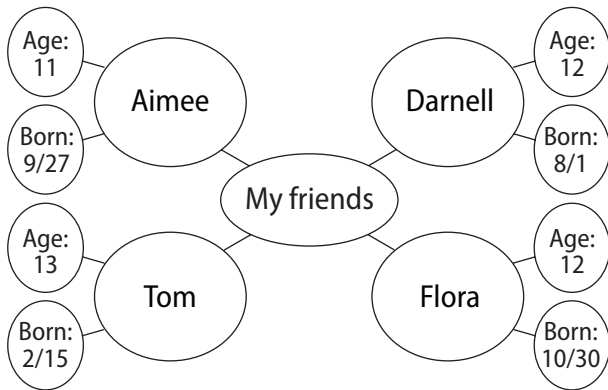
Timelines show *when* events happened and *how much time* passed between them.



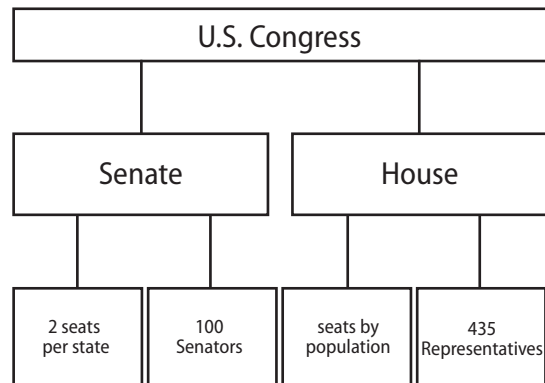
Venn diagrams show *comparison* and *contrast*.



Clusters and webs show information that connects back to a main idea.

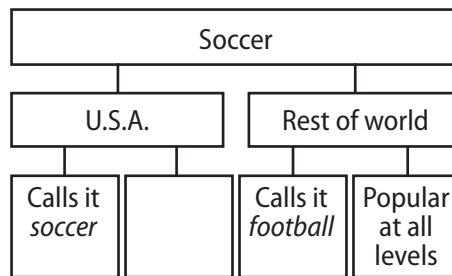


Hierarchies show related information in *levels* of size, detail, or importance.



Example

Look at this organizer. Which choice BEST fits in the blank box?



- (A) Wildly popular
- (B) Popular for amateurs
- (C) Still finding its way
- (D) 240 million players

D I S C U S S	(A) The author writes that <i>amateur</i> soccer, not all kinds of soccer, is “wildly popular” here.	(C) This choice is what the author writes about <i>professional</i> soccer in the U.S.A. It does not apply to all soccer here.
	(B) This choice fits the details in the article, which claims several times that professional soccer has not yet caught on here.	(D) The article gives this as the estimated number of players in the world. So this choice does not fit under either the “U.S.A.” or “Rest of world” headings.



Connections People use graphic organizers in school, work, sports, games, and hobbies. Identify a graphic organizer that you have seen and tell where it was used and what it showed.