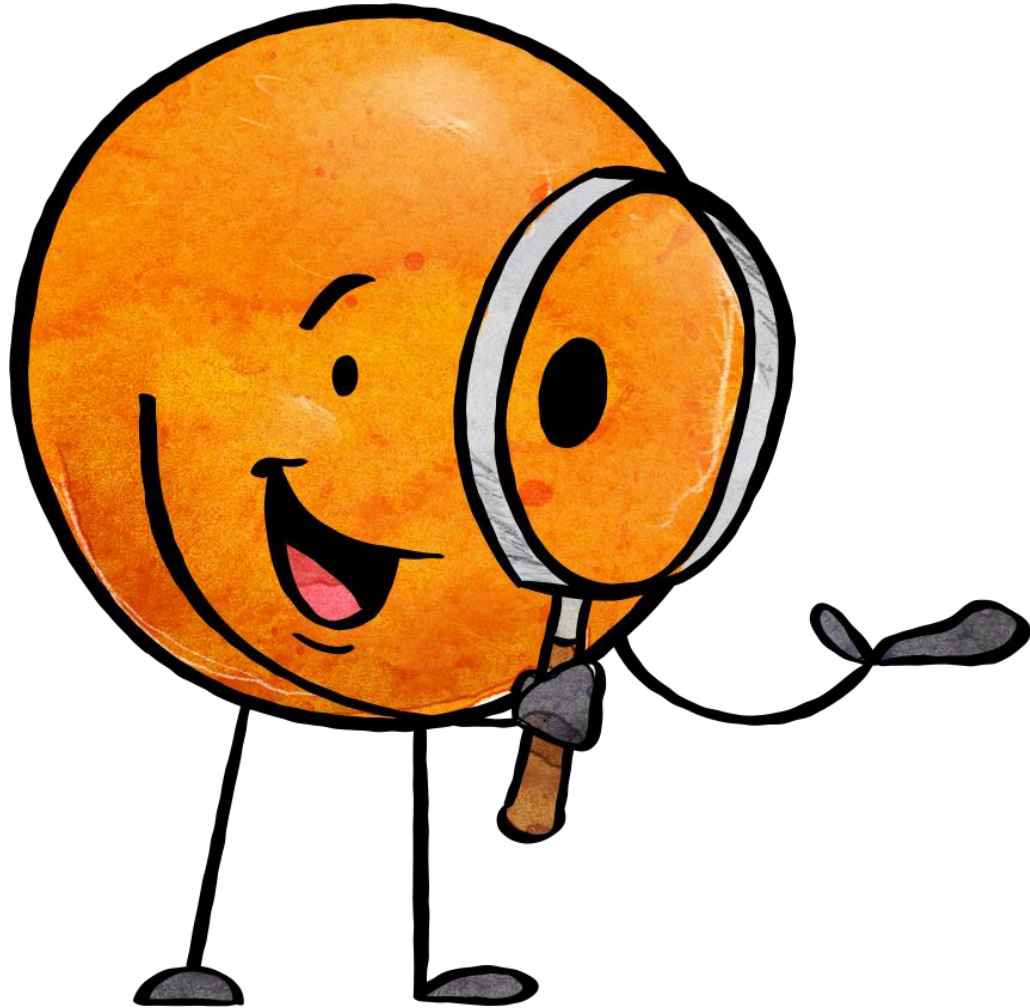


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DESCRIPTION



SIGNAL WORDS

such as, for instance, in addition, also, specifically

TIPS

Ask yourself: What specific person, place, thing, or idea is being described?

Look for a topic word or phrase and for synonyms.

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PROBLEM & SOLUTION



SIGNAL WORDS

problem, issue, since, as a result, solution, idea, so, leads to, causes

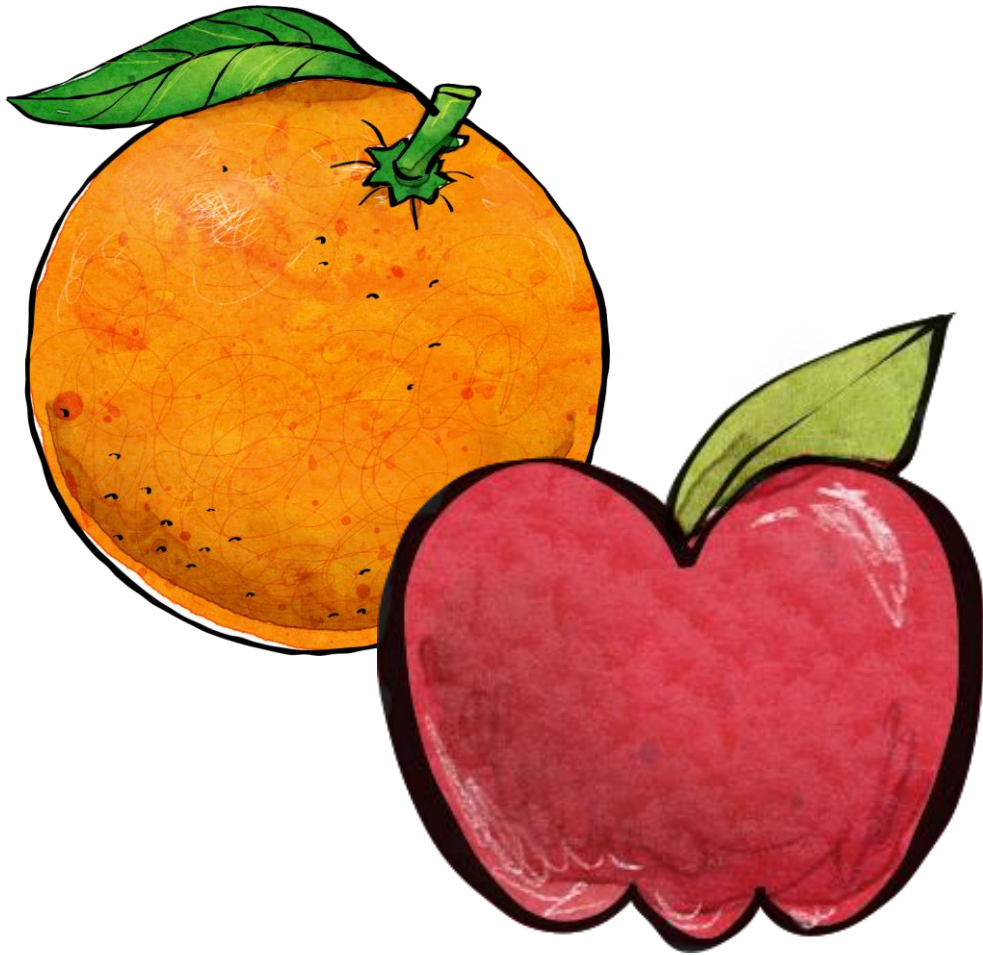
TIPS

Ask yourself: What is the problem and what is the solution?

**Look for the problem first
and then the solution.**

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COMPARE & CONTRAST



SIGNAL WORDS

similar, same, alike, both, as well as, unlike, as opposed to, on the other hand, in contrast, instead

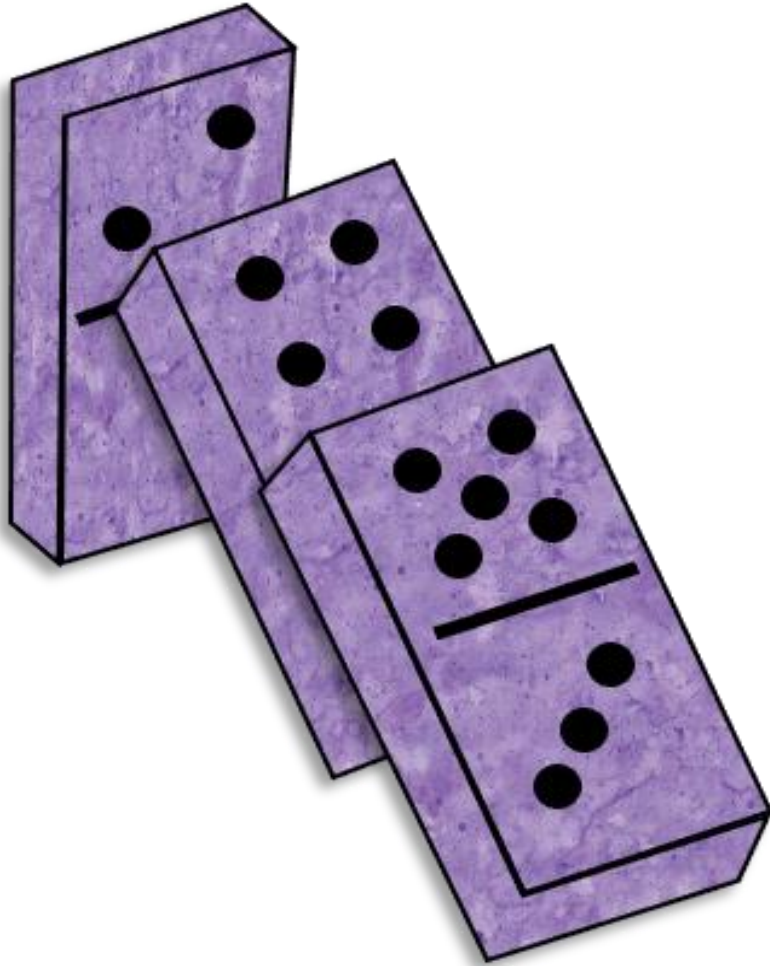
TIPS

Ask yourself: What is being compared?

How are they the same?
How are they different?

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CAUSE & EFFECT



Remember, you are looking for a cause, not a solution.

SIGNAL WORDS

since, because, if, due to, as a result of, causes, leads to, consequently, therefore, then

TIPS

Ask yourself: What happened and why did it happen?

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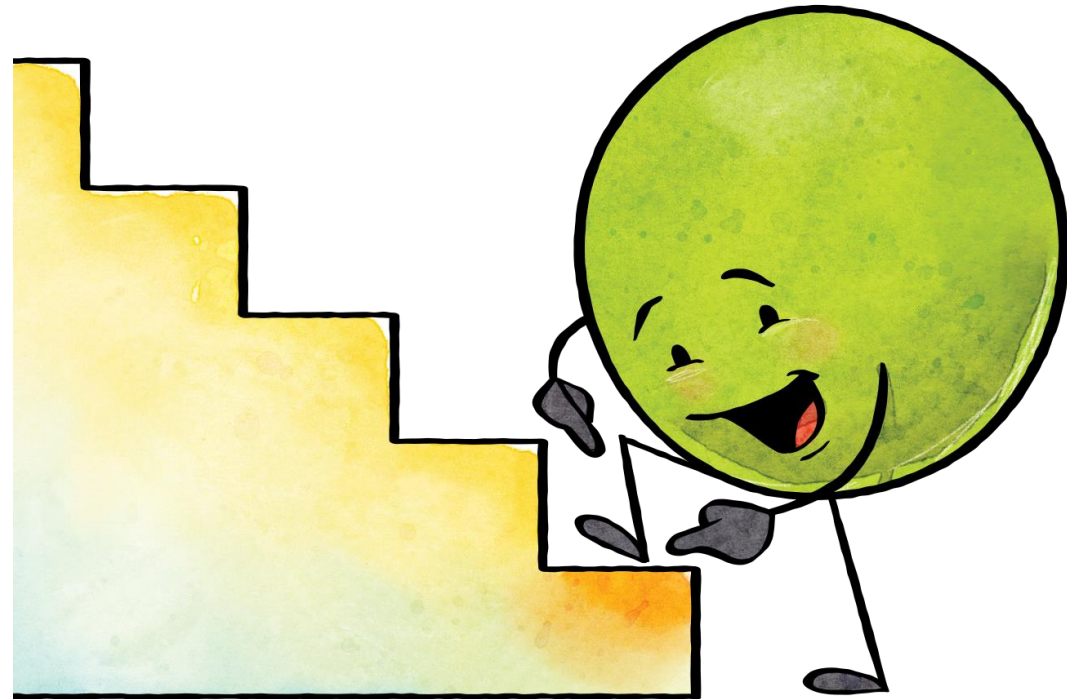
SEQUENCE

SIGNAL WORDS

first, second, third, then,
next, before, after, finally,
following

TIPS

Ask yourself: Is this event
taking place over time?



**Look for steps or
references to time, such
as dates.**