



# DESCRIPTION

- 1** Determine the text structure by looking for signaling/linking words.
- 2** Write a main idea:  
\_\_\_\_\_ (topic) has/have \_\_\_\_\_ (1, 2, 3, or more) important characteristic(s). The first is \_\_\_\_\_; the second is \_\_\_\_\_; the third is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3** Write a recall:  
The first thing we know is \_\_\_\_\_ (describe the first attribute/information about a topic). The second thing we know is that \_\_\_\_\_ (describe the second attribute of a topic). The third thing is \_\_\_\_\_ (describe the third is) \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4** Review and add any missing details.

## SIGNALING/LINKING WORDS

attributes of, characteristics are, for example, for instance, in describing, marks of, namely, properties of, qualities are, specifically, such as, that is, this particular, which was, ...plus others you can find.

Other signals include words that would help you to picture a scene. For example, the author might use colors.