Summary of Text Types and Features

Text Type	Social Purpose/s	Typical Structure	Typical grammatical features
Narrative	Entertain & instruct, dealing with usual & unexpected events	-orientation - complication with evaluation -resolution -coda	-use of particular nouns -action verbs -use of adverbials eg. Time, place, extent, manner etc.
Instructions (Procedures)	Provide clear & unambiguous directions to reader to perform specific actions towards specific outcome	-heading / title -list of materials / ingredients -series of steps -additional suggestions -visual aids	-no pronouns -use of imperatives -extensive use of action verbs -use of adverbials (words or phrases that provide details about how, when, where & why action is performed.)
Recounts	-reconstruct experiences -retell past experiences, events & achievements, usually to inform others, sometimes to entertain	-orientation -events -reorientation	-verbs in past tense -adverbials of time -action verbs
Reports	-to inform about a particular object, creature or phenomenon	-title -description (appearance, habitat, behaviour, threats)	-technical language -relating verbs -general nouns -present tense -nominalisation
Arguments	-express an opinion or point of view, backed up by evidence to support the case being made	-thesis/position -supporting arguments -position or reiteration	-use of connectives -conjunctions -modals
Explanation	-provide an account of how something works or reasons for some phenomenon	-phenomenon identification -series of events stages (events stages provide more detailed information about temporal or causal sequences)	-relational verbs -action verbs -technical terminology and underlying taxonomies -no personal pronouns -noun groups -nominalisation
Expositions	-a text used to persuade others for or against a point of view	-title -background information -statement of position -support of argument using example -brief review of arguments	-high modality, formal language -connectives -adjectives -nominalisation -sensing, saying, relating, action verbs -evaluating language