Signal Words

There are some words that authors use that will help the reader determine the main ideas of a text and how the text is organized. For each of the five types of signal words below, list as many examples as you can. In the last square, write a summary of how you think you could use these words to understand text more clearly.

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| Sequencing of Ideas These words signal the order of ideas or items: | **Emphasis Words**  These words signal which ideas or concepts are the most important: |
| Comparison These words signal how things are alike or different: | **Illustration**  These words signal an example of the concept: |
| Conclusion These words signal that a summary or conclusion is being made: | **APPLYING THE SIGNAL WORDS:**  Explain how you can use the signal words to better understand the text: |