Problem and Solution Worksheet

Medical Alert

Overview: Problem and solution is one type of text structure. When a writer is using the problem and solution text structure, he or she may explain how to address or prepare for a concern.

Directions: read each paragraph. A graphic organizer is used to show the structure of the text. Fill in the missing boxes with the appropriate info.

1. Having a cold is no fun. Coughing makes it hard to fall asleep. A sore throat is painful. Try some tea with honey in it. The honey will soothe your throat. There may be no cure for the common cold. You can treat the symptoms though.

2. A sprain is a tear in a muscle. Sprains happen when a muscle is twisted or overstretched. They can be painful. If you sprain a muscle, you should ice it immediately. Putting ice on a sprain will reduce swelling and pain. It may help stop internal bleeding too.

3. Nobody wants to be stung by a bee. Bee stings are itchy and painful. But what if the bee stings you anyway? One thing that you can do is put vinegar on it. The acid in the vinegar may reduce the pain and swelling from the sting.