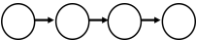





## Genre comparison table – Adult Reference

*Focus on instructions and explanations*

	Instruction	Explanation	Report	Recount
<b>Purpose</b>	Tells how to do something	Tells how things work or why things happen (cause and effect) Describes a process	Tells what something is like (or was when historical)	Tells what happened Retelling events
<b>Tense</b>	Present Tense	Present tense (usually)	Present tense (usually)	Past Tense
<b>Person</b>	2nd	3rd	3rd	1 <sup>st</sup> /3rd
<b>Language</b>	Time adverbs Might have causal conjunctions to explain why you should do something	Time adverbs/ conjunctions - sequence of events Causal conjunctions (because, so, as) Technical terms	Linking adverbials to organise points/paragraphs ( <i>first of all, however etc.</i> ) Topic vocabulary	Time adverbs and adverbials Specific names of people/places
<b>Structure</b>	 Sequential – order matters	 Sequential – order matters	 Can be read in any order organised by categories	 Time order/chronological
<b>Text Organisation</b>	Title Introduction (sometimes) You will need ordered steps Hints/tips	Title Introduction Series of paragraphs, explaining a process	Title Introduction Topic paragraphs – possible to read in any order	Title Introduction Paragraphs ordered chronologically