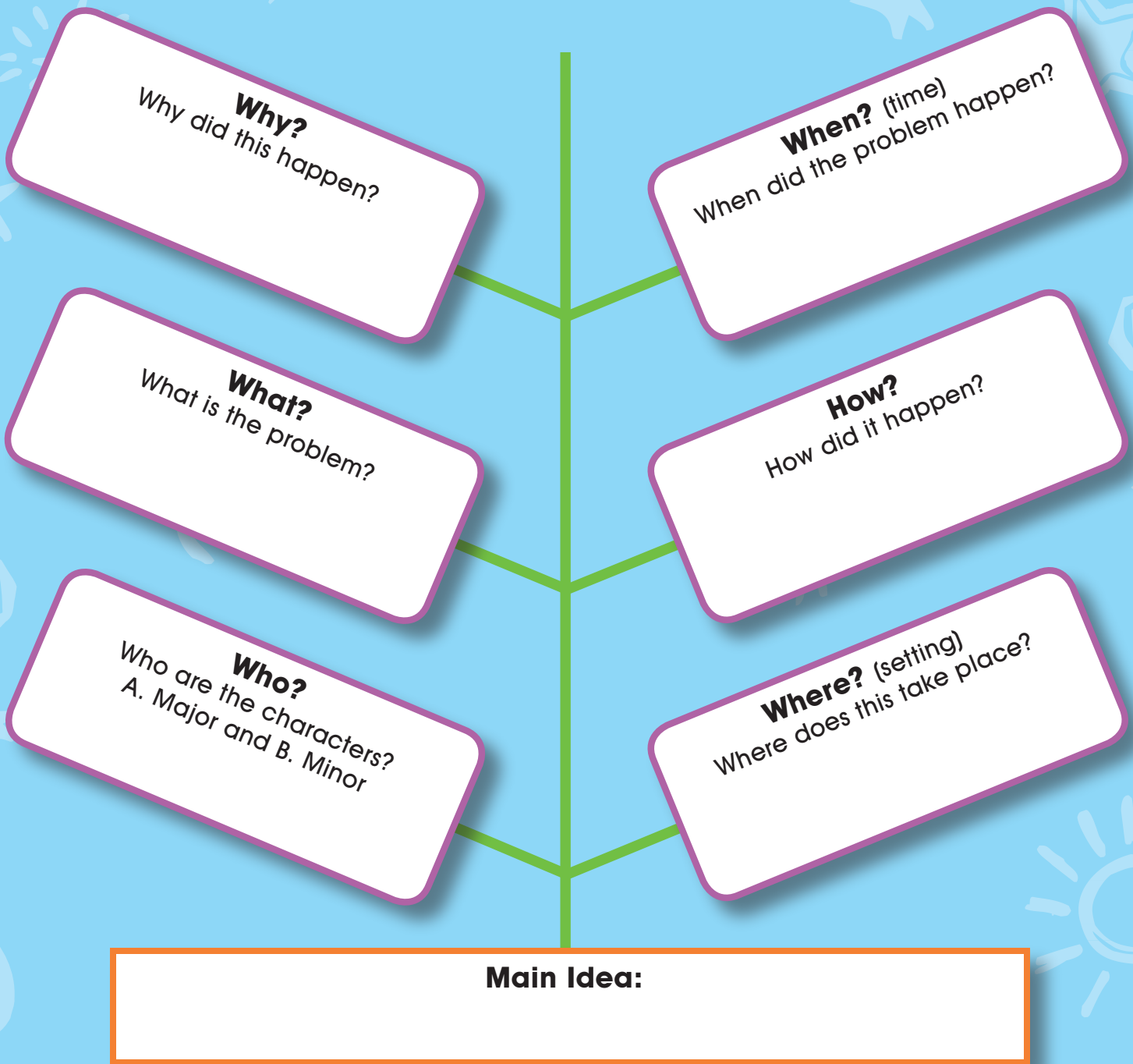# Who, What, When, Where, Why, How

Graphic organizers are a pictorial way of constructing knowledge and organizing information. They help the student convert and compress a lot of seemingly disjointed information into a structured, simple-to-read, graphic display. The resulting visual display conveys complex information in a simple-to-understand manner. This 5 W's + H Chart helps students organize all the pertinent information needed for an expository essay.

**Why?**
Why did this happen?

**When?** (time)
When did the problem happen?

**What?**
What is the problem?

**How?**
How did it happen?

**Who?**
Who are the characters?
A. Major and B. Minor

**Where?** (setting)
Where does this take place?

**Main Idea:**

# Causes & Consequences for an Effect

Give 2 causes and 1 consequence for each event.

**Event 1:** You are late for school

**happens**

because:

because:

consequence:

consequence:

**Event 2:** Mom gives you an unexpected gift
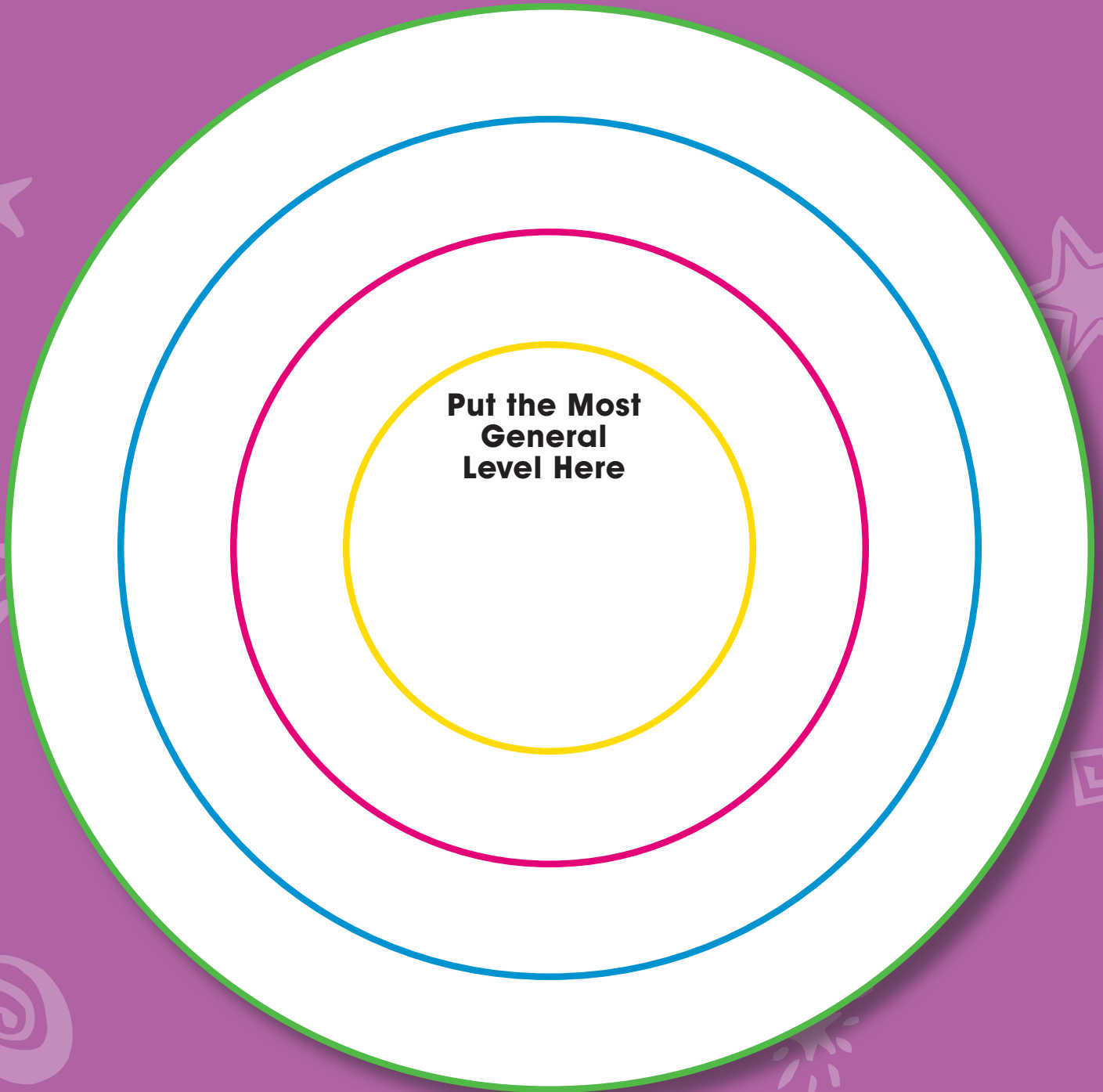
**happens**

because:

because:

consequence:

consequence:

This Cause and Effect graphic organizer assists students in seeing the influence that certain events or actions have on other events or actions.

# General to Specific

This General to Specific graphic organizer helps students categorize various groups of words by showing their relationships with each other. For elementary students, beginning at the most general term (such as "animal") and narrowing the topic down to a very specific term ("lion") is usually most effective.
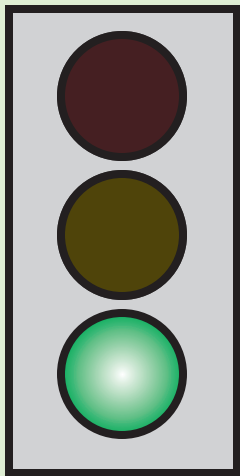
**Put the Most General Level Here**

# Transition or Linking Words

Some linking words tell you the order of things. You know that the colors of a traffic light are green, yellow, and red. Green means "go" – there is more to come. Yellow means "caution, or slow down". Red means "stop" or "this is the end". There are many other words that mean, "go", "slow down" or "stop". Review them on the Traffic Light Words List below. **Remember that these words are linking or transition words.**
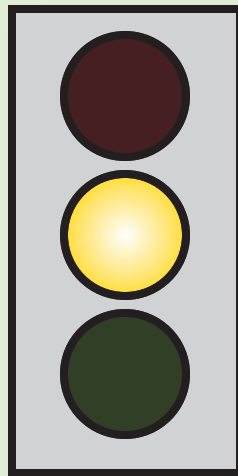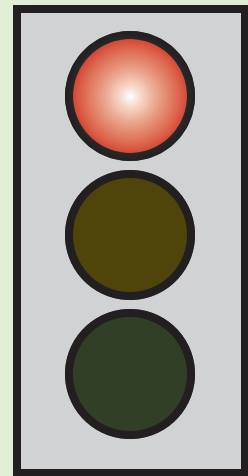
## Traffic Light Words

### Green Light Words

first

in the beginning

firstly

prior

immediately

today

### Yellow Light Words

second

next

then

in the meantime
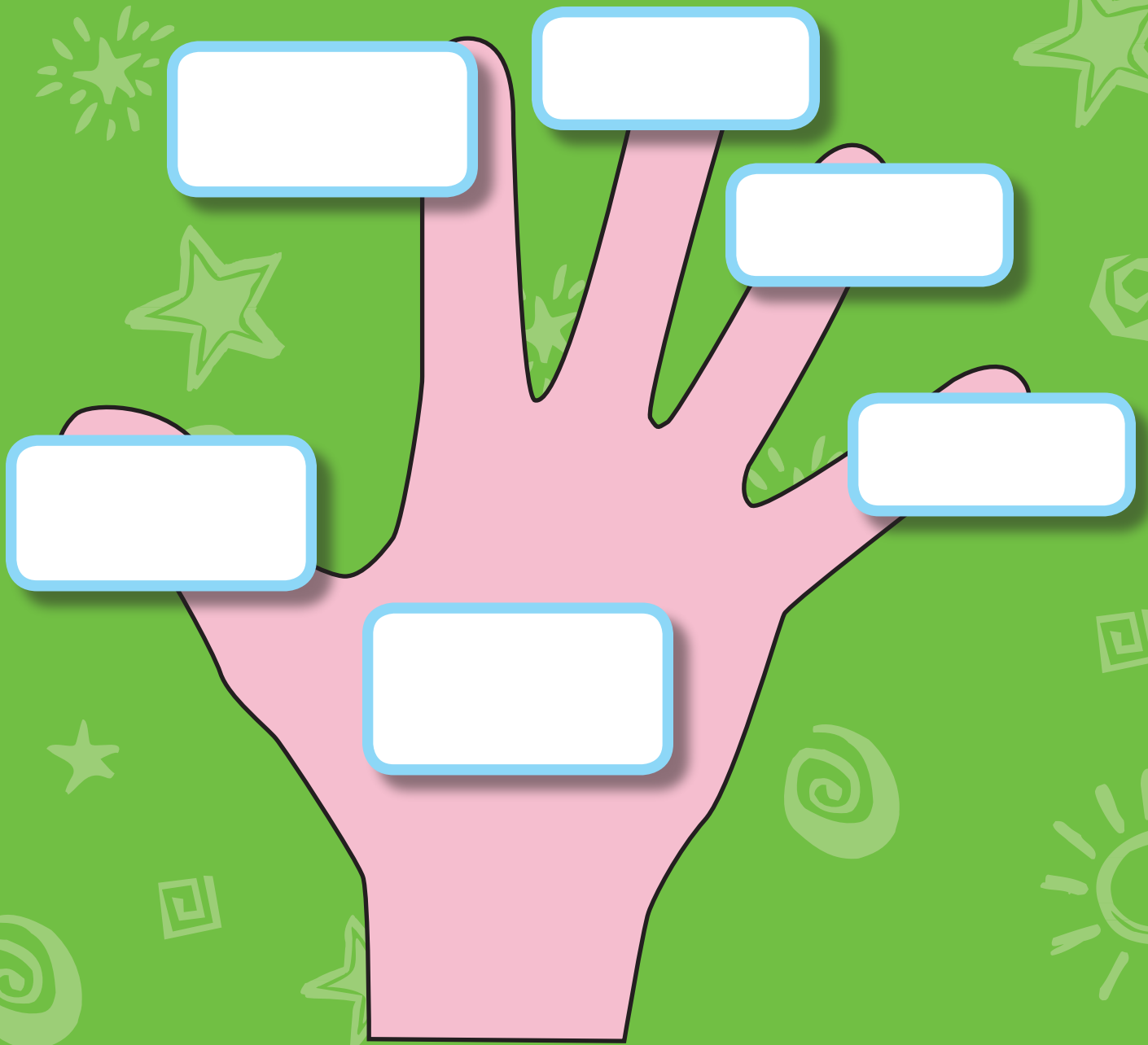
during

meanwhile

until

### Red Light Words

ninth

finally

last

in conclusion

in the end

after

afterward

subsequently

# Five Finger Planner

A good way to organize your thoughts before you write a narrative or descriptive paragraph is to use a **Five Finger Planner**. You should put the main topic of your paragraph in the palm of the hand and then add a supporting detail to each fingertip. This will help you see the whole picture that your paragraph is trying to paint.

# T-Chart Graphic Organizer

A **T-Chart** is exactly what it says, a chart shaped like the letter T. You should write the question you're considering across the top of the capital T. Then you should write the word "Pros" on the left side of the T and "cons" on the right side of the T. By using this **T-Chart** you will be able to organize all the details that support your issue or answer "yes" to your question and all the details that are against your issue or answer "no" to your question.

**QUESTION TO BE ANSWERED:**

**PROS**

**CONS**