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Compare and Contrast: Structures and Perspectives

When we **compare and contrast**, we tell how things are alike and different. **Structures** are the ways the author organizes the text. **Perspectives** refer to the viewpoint the author stands from. When we read texts, comparing and contrasting between structure and perspective helps us understand the **author's intent**, analyze the organization of ideas, and evaluate how the **author's viewpoint** influences the message.

Read the article and answer the questions.

Article 1: The Life Cycle of a Butterfly

A butterfly begins its life as an egg, usually laid on the leaves of plants. The egg hatches into a caterpillar, which eats leaves to grow and store energy. After some time, the caterpillar forms a chrysalis, where it undergoes a fascinating transformation. Inside the chrysalis, the caterpillar completely changes into a butterfly. Finally, the butterfly emerges with colorful wings and begins its life in the air, pollinating flowers and contributing to the ecosystem.

Article 2: Why Butterflies Are Important

Butterflies help pollinate flowers by carrying pollen from one flower to another. Pollination allows plants to grow fruits and seeds, which animals and humans depend on for food. Without butterflies, many plants would struggle to reproduce, and ecosystems could become unbalanced. Butterflies also add beauty to nature with their colorful wings and graceful flight.

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- B. Butterflies undergo a transformation during their life.
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3. What text structure does Article 2 use?

- A. Chronological Order
- B. Cause and Effect
- C. Problem and Solution

4. According to Article 2, what would happen if butterflies disappeared?

- A. More plants would grow fruits and seeds.
- B. Ecosystems would become unbalanced.
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