# Discourse Analysis - Relationships

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Addition

Chronological **Sequential**, **Simultaneous**

Non Chronological **Conjoining**, **Alternation**

Support-Head

Chronological

Progression **Stepn - Goal**

Stimulus-Response

**Evaluation**

**Remark Execution**

Speech **Proposal Answer**

**Question Reply**

**Counter-**

**Occasion**

**Outcome**

**Resolution**

Non-speech **Problem**

**Complication**

Non-Chronological

Orientation

**Circumstance - Head**

**Time - Head**

**Orienter - Content**

**Opening - Head**

**Head - Closing**

**Introduction - Head**

**Preliminary Incident - Head**

Clarification

**Head - Equivalent**

Overlapping **Head - Amplification**

Information **Generic - Specificn**

**Specificn - Summary**

**Head - Comparison**

Non-overlapping **Head - Illustration**

Information **Head - Manner**

**Contrast - Head**

Non-Chronological

Logical

**Reason - Result**

**Result - Means**

**Means - Purpose**

**Condition - Consequence**

**Concession - Contraexpectation**

**Head - Grounds**

Associative

**Head - Comment**

**Head - Parenthesis**

**Examples:**

Analysis of Mark 1:1-3

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| Introduction |  |  |  |  |  | 1a | The beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Orienter |  |  |  |  | 2a | Just as it has been written in Isaiah the prophet: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Head | Content | Means |  |  |  | 2b | Behold! I send my messenger before your presence |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Purpose | Result |  |  | 2c | who will prepare your way |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | Orienter |  | 3a | The voice of one crying in the desert |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Means | Content | Head | 3b | Prepare the way of the Lord |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | Equivalent | 3c | Make his paths straight |

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| Analysis of Mark 8:14-21 | | | | | | | | |
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|  |  |  |  |  | Occasion |  | 14a | And they had forgotten to take bread, and did not have more than one loaf in the boat with them. |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Remark | 15a | And He was giving them orders, saying, “Watch out! Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees ... |
| Remark |  |  |  |  | Outcome | Eval. | 16a | And they were discussing with one another that they had no bread. |
|  | Orienter |  |  |  |  |  | 17a | And, knowing, He said to them, |
|  |  | ? |  |  |  |  | 17b | “Why are you discussing that you have no bread? |
| Reply | Content | Eval. | Head |  | Head | Head | 17c | Do you not yet perceive nor understand? |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Equiv. | 17d | Do you have a hardened heart? |
|  |  |  |  |  | Equiv. | Head | 18a | Having eyes, do you not see? |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Equiv. | 18b | Having ears, do you not hear? |
|  |  |  | Equiv. 1 | Head |  |  | 18c | And do you not remember? |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Setting | 19a | When I broke the five loaves for the 5,000, |
|  |  |  |  |  | ? | Head | 19b | how many baskets full of broken pieces did you pick up? |
|  |  |  |  | Illustrat. 1 | Answer |  | 19c | They said to Him, “12.” |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Setting | 20a | When Ibroke the seven for the four thousand, |
|  |  |  |  |  | Question | Head | 20b | how many baskets full of broken pieces you picked up? |
|  |  |  |  | Illustrat. 2 | Answer |  | 20c | And they said to Him, “7.” |
|  |  |  | Equiv. 2 |  |  |  | 21a | And He was saying to them, “Do you not yet understand?” |

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| Analysis of 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17 | | | | | | | |
|  | Grounds | Concl. |  |  | Head | 13a | We ought to give thanks always to God for you, |
|  |  |  |  |  | Ident. | 13b | Brothers and sisters loved by God, |
|  |  | Grounds | Seq. 1 | Means |  | 13c | Because God has chosen you from the beginning |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | Purpose | Result | 13d | For salvation |
|  |  |  |  |  | Means | 13e | In sanctification by the Spirit and faith in truth; |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Seq. 2 | Means | Result | 14a | To this He called you |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | Means | 14b | through our gospel |
|  |  |  |  | Purpose |  | 14c | For gaining the glory of our Lord, Jesus Christ. |
|  |  | Equiv. |  |  |  | 15a | Accordingly then, brothers and sisters, be steadfast |
| Head | Exhort. | Head | Head |  |  | 15b | And hold on to the traditions |
|  |  |  | Ident. | Result |  | 15c | Which you were taught, |
|  |  |  |  | Means | Alt. 1 | 15d | Whether through word |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | Alt. 2 | 15e | or through our letter. |
| Concl. |  | Generic | Head |  |  | 16a | Now may our Lord Jesus Christ and God our Father comfort your hearts |
|  |  |  |  | Reason |  | 16b | (God) who has loved us, |
|  |  |  | Ident. | Result | Result | 16c | And given us eternal comfort and good hope |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | Means | 16d | In grace |
|  |  | Specific |  |  |  | 17a | And strengthen (you all) in every work and good deed. |