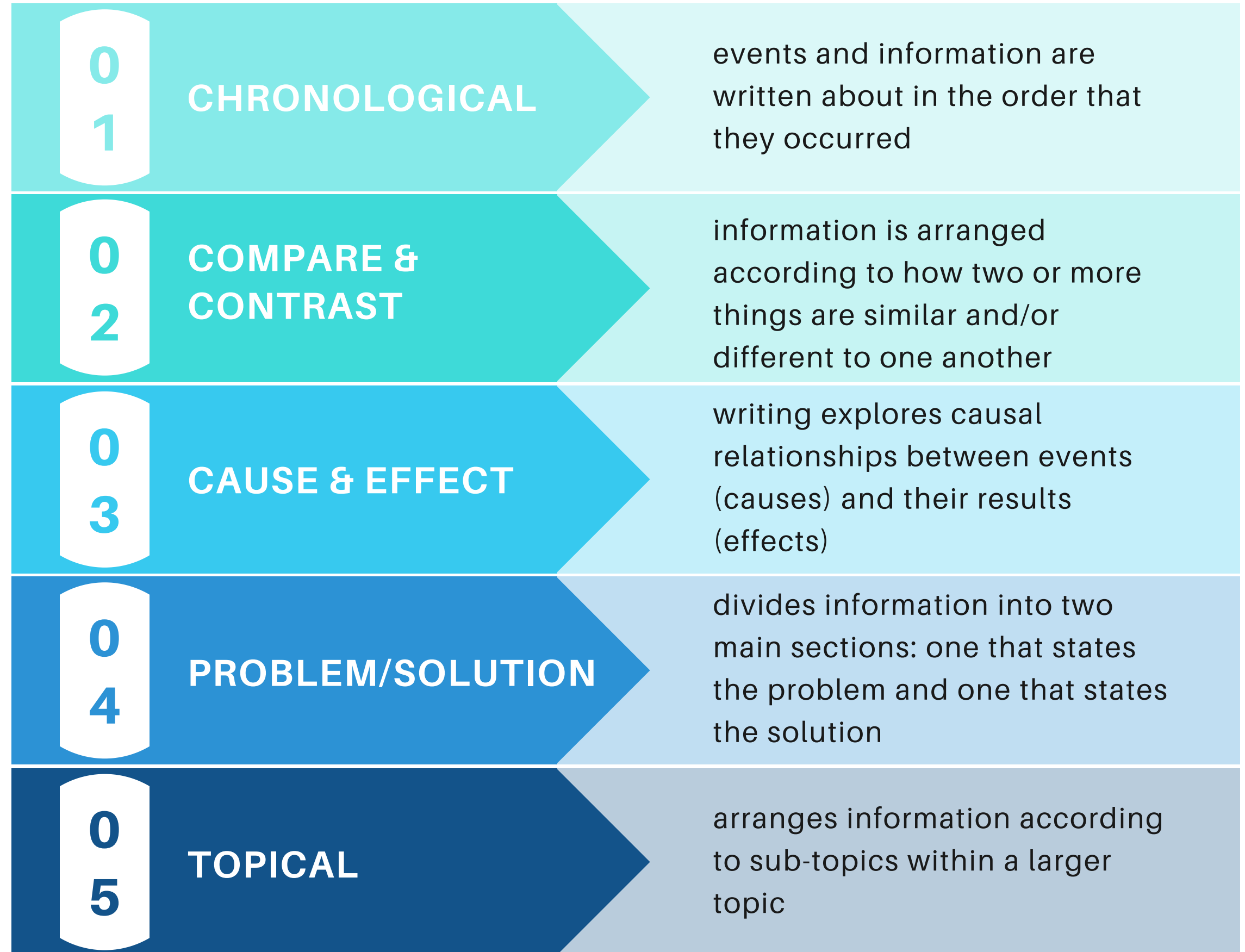# Organizational Patterns

for narrative (and academic!) writing

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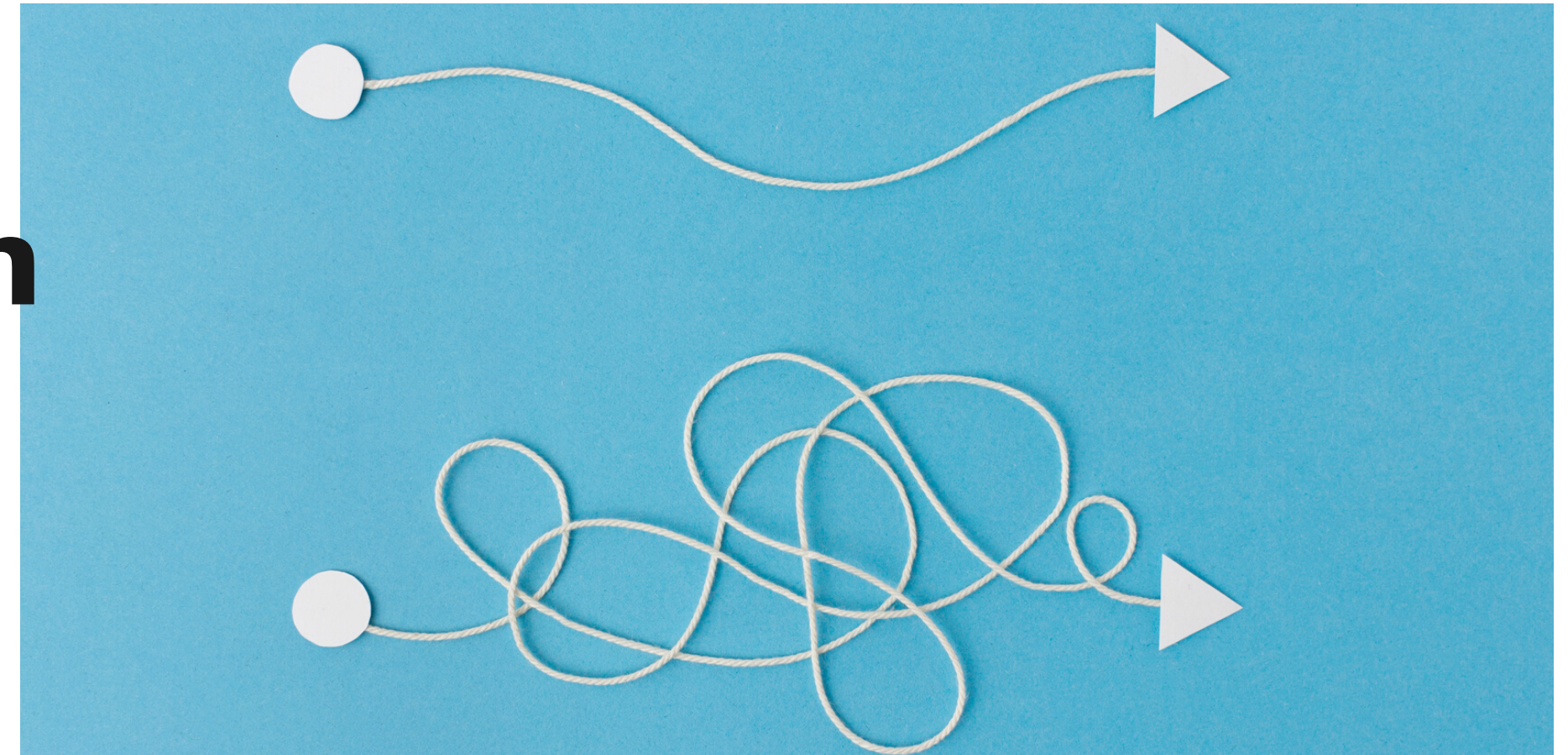different to one another

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