

Nonfiction Text Features Study Guide



Use the study guide to help your child review Nonfiction Text Features. Encourage your child to look for text features in Nonfiction books and discuss the purpose of each.

Text Feature	Purpose
Table of Contents	Gives a list of topics and page numbers; Helps the reader find information in the book.
Photographs	Pictures taken with a camera; Show the reader what something looks like in real life.
Captions	Explain what is shown in a photograph or illustration; Help the reader know what something is about.
Labels	Words that describe the parts of a map, chart, photograph, diagram, or other text feature; Help the reader know what something is.
Headings	The title or name given to a section/chapter of a book; Help the reader know what a section is going to be about.
Charts and Tables	Show information in a different way; Help the reader see and understand information that is organized in a different way.
Diagrams	A drawing that shows or explains something; Help the reader understand information in the book.

Text Feature

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Textboxes

A box or some other shape that contains text; Show the reader that information is important or interesting.

Cutaways

A picture of what something looks like on the inside or from another point of view; Help the reader see all parts of something.

Types of Print

Print can be bold, different colors, fonts, and sizes; Show the reader that something is important or interesting.

Close Ups

Photographs that have been zoomed in or enlarged to help the reader see something better.

Maps

A picture showing different regions of the Earth; Help the reader see where something is located.

Glossary

Located at the back of the book – includes words and definitions; Helps the reader learn new words and their meanings.

Index

Located at the back of the book – includes main topics and page numbers; Helps the reader find information in the book.