

Special Features of Non-Fiction Text

FEATURE	HOW IT HELPS US READ
Title	Quickly tells the reader what information they will learn about
Headings or Subtitles	Tell us the main idea of the next section
Captions	Provide information about graphics
Illustrations/Photographs	Show an important object or idea from the text
Maps	Help us find a place in the world related to the text
Special Print (bold, italics, underlined)	Words that are bold , <i>italicized</i> , or <u>underlined</u> are important to know
Diagrams	This is a labeled drawing of an item from the text
Sidebars	These often have vocabulary words or information important to the text
Charts and Graphs	These show us data that is discussed in the text