



Living Things in Their Environment

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A list that shows the major chapters and parts of the book as well as the page numbers where those sections begin.

Helps the reader...

- locate information and see main topics of main points.

Glossary

burrow	(BER-oh) a tunnel dug by an animal into soil or sand (page 3)
canopy	(KAN-oh-pee) the top layer in a rain forest (page 16)
dune	(DOON) a hill of sand (page 4)
endangered	(en-DAYN-jurd) in danger of no longer existing (page 20)
habitat	(HAB-uh-tat) a place where animals live that has the food, water, and shelter they need to stay alive (page 2)
herd	(HURD) a large group of animals (page 12)
oasis	(oh-AY-sis) a desert area with an underground supply of water (page 6)
predator	(PREH-duh-tur) an animal that hunts for its food (page 13)
prey	(PREY) an animal that is hunted and killed for food (page 13)
savanna	(sah-VAN-uh) a flat, grassy area with few trees (page 10)

Glossary

An alphabetical list of terms and their definitions. It usually appears at the end of a book. Includes words are being introduced for the first time.

Helps the reader...

- Quickly find the definition for a key term.
- A ____ is different from a dictionary because it only contains the definitions of words within that specific book.

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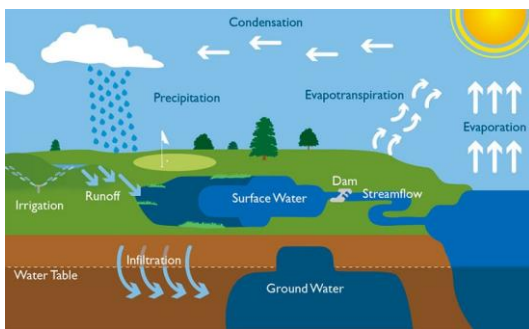
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An alphabetical list at the back of a book that tells on which page to find important topics in the book.

Helps the reader...

- quickly locate information about a specific topic.

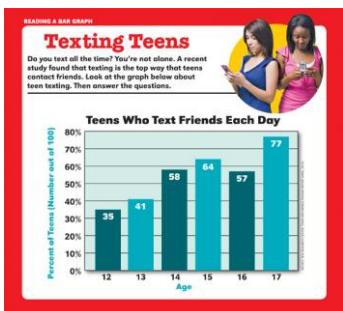
Diagram



A drawing intended to explain how something works. A labeled illustration that shows the parts of something.

Helps the reader...

- understand a more detailed or simplified view of information.
- to understand the steps of how something works.



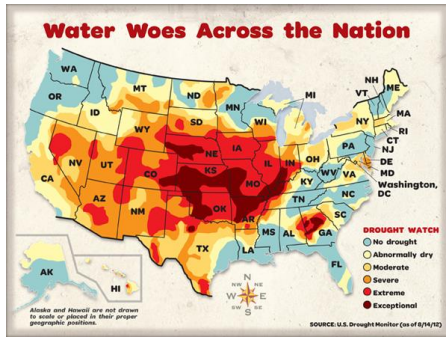
Charts

Tables

Graphs

A visual representation of data that makes information quick and easy to read.

- Organize large amounts of information in a small space.
- Presents all kinds of data from numbers and amounts, to calendars and menus.
- Help the reader compare information in the text.



Maps

Information presented in a visual from to tell you where something is or where it happened.

Helps the reader to...

- understand where places are located.
- understand how far away an event took place.

Timeline



A visual representation of events displayed in chronological (time) order. Putting events in order, starting with the earliest date.

Helps the reader to...

- understand the sequence of time.
- Understand the order of events and how one event may have led to another.

Illustration - Photographs

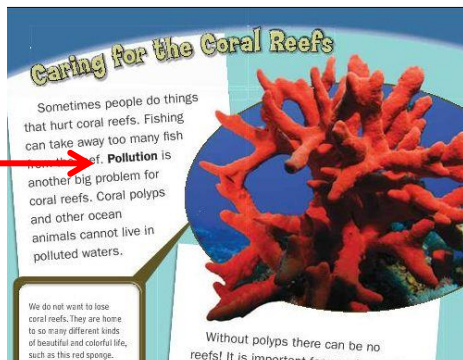


A picture that emphasizes key points and adds interest.

Helps the reader to...

- understand information in a visual way.
- better understand the story.

Bold Print



Text that is heavier and darker than the rest of the text. It can be used to show which words can be found in the glossary.

Italics

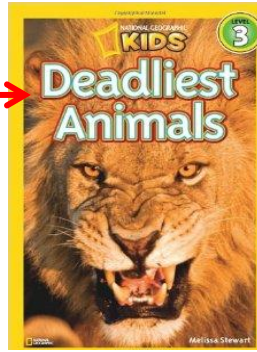
The Wetlands of the South

Why are the South's wetlands so important?

The Okefenokee (oh kuh fuh NOH kee) Swamp is a large wetland in the South. A **wetland** is a place where the ground is soaked with water for at least part of the year.

Words that are *slanted to the right*. It calls attention to important words or terms. Sometimes shows which words can be found in the glossary.

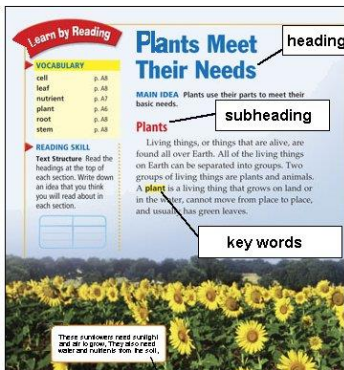
Title



Helps the reader to...

- identify the topic of the text.
- understand the main idea of the text.
- make connections between what you already know and the text.

Headings

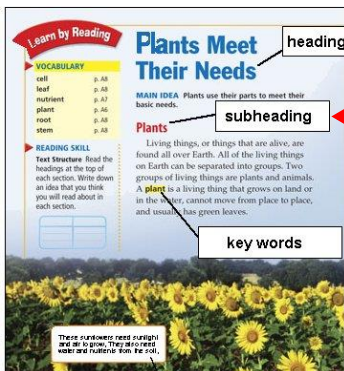


A line of text that indicates what the passage below is about.

Helps the reader to...

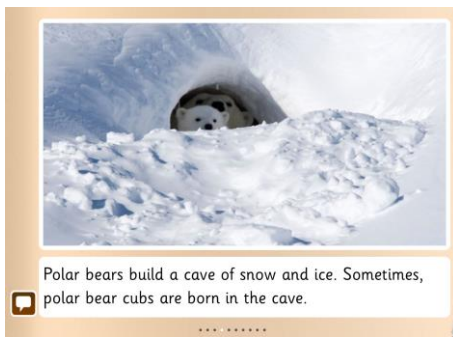
- Identify topics throughout the book/article as they skim and scan.

Subheadings



- _____ divide the text into sections.
- _____ tell the main idea of each section of text.
- They are printed in large or bold print to help them stand out.
- Used to help the reader locate information in the text by telling them where to look.

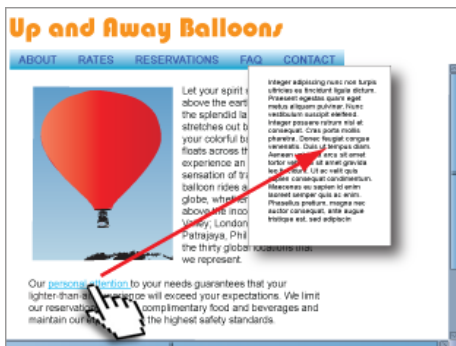
Captions



Text that explains what is shown in a picture or illustration.

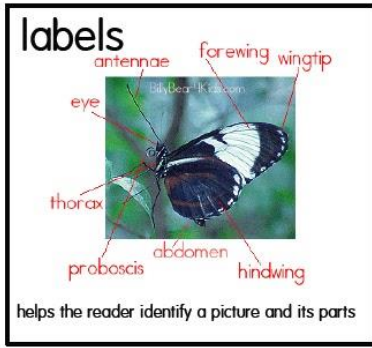
They help the reader to understand information that may or may not be in the text.

Hyperlink



Words or phrases that readers can click on to go to another webpage.

They are often underlined and a different color than the rest of the text on the page.



Identifies the parts of a photograph or illustration.

cot-ton-tail (kot-uhn-tale) ← A rabbit with short, fluffy, white tail.

couch (kouch) ←

1. A long, soft piece of furniture that two or more people can sit on at the same time.
 ▷ **noun, plural couches**

2. **couch potato** (informal) Someone who spends most of his or her time watching television rather than being active.

cou-gar (koo-gur) ← A member of the cat family with a small head, long legs, and a long tail.

Pronunciation Guide

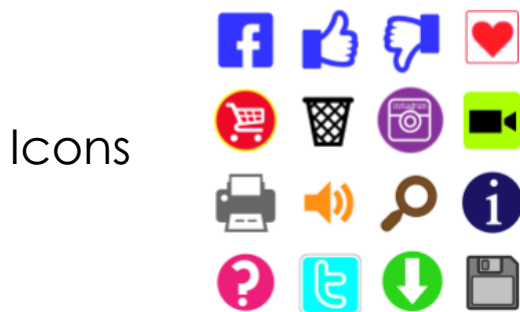
Tells the reader the proper way to sound out or say a word.

Text Box

- Provides more information than is in the text about a topic.
- Can include interesting facts or important information the author wants the reader to know.
- Helps the reader understand by creating interest or emphasizing important information.

Sidebar

Additional information placed alongside a main article that contains information related to the main topic.



A picture on a computer, phone, or tablet that opens up a program or file.