

Use your
“Nonfiction
Detective Skills”
to spy these
features out in
an article.



Nonfiction Text Features

Non-Fiction Text Feature	Definition
Special Type of Print	Makes a word stand out as important by putting it in italic print, highlighted, underlined or bolded. Examples: The excited <u>Carpenter</u> ants <i>danced</i> across the broad leaf.
Photographs	Gives the reader details about how the object looks in real life.
Captions	Captions are found near the photograph and provide important information about the photograph.
Table of Contents	Located at the front of a book and gives a list of information that will appear in the text.
Diagrams	A diagram of an animal labels its body parts. A diagram can show or explain how or why something happens.
Charts, Tables and Graphs	Tables and charts display information in a visual way and is often used to compare things. A graph displays information in a visual way. Bar graphs and pictographs are examples.
Headings & Subheadings	Headings tell the reader what the section is about. The subheadings help the reader chunk the text into smaller parts that are connected to the heading.