

Writing Nonfiction with Power: Grade 5

Writing Unit 3



Text Features

- A **bar graph** uses bars to show and compare information.
- **Bold print** shows you new or important words.
- **Bullets** organize information in a list.
- A **caption** is a sentence that tells about a picture.
- A **conclusion** sums up the important information in a text and leaves the reader with some important ideas.
- A **cross section** shows the inside of something.
- A **cutaway** shows a part of the inside of something.
- A **cycle** uses arrows to show something that happens over and over again.
- A **diagram** is a labeled picture that shows the parts of something.
- A **fact box** gives additional information about a topic.
- A **flow chart** uses arrows or numbers to show a sequence.
- A **glossary** lists new or important words and tells what they mean.
- A **heading** tells what each section is about.
- An **index** tells you what page to find information in a book. It is in alphabetical order.
- **Italic print** shows you new or important words.
- An **introduction** captures the interest of the reader and presents the important ideas.
- A **label** is a word that tells about a picture.
- A **magnification** shows details in a close-up picture.
- A **map** is a picture that shows the location of things or a place.
- **Parentheses** are used to identify additional information in a sentence.
- A **pictograph** uses pictures to show and compare information.
- A **pie graph** is a graph in the shape of a circle that shows the parts of a whole.
- A **pronunciation guide** tells you how to say a new word.
- A **sidebar** gives additional information about a topic.
- A **size comparison** compares that size of one thing to the size of another.
- A **subheading** organizes information into smaller sections.
- A **T-chart** lists information about two different things.
- A **table** is a chart of information used to compare things.
- A **Table of Contents** gives the heading and the beginning page number of each section in a book.
- A **timeline** is a chart that shows events in order.
- A **Venn diagram** shows how two things are alike and how they are different.