

Elements of Non-Fiction

THESE NON-FICTION FEATURES ORGANIZE THE BOOK AND HELP READERS KNOW WHAT IS IMPORTANT

Captions: Help you better understand a picture or photograph

Comparisons: These sentences help you to picture something

Example: A whale shark is a little bit bigger than a school bus.

Glossary: Helps you define words that are in the book

Graphics: Charts, graphs, or cutaways are used to help you understand what the author is trying to tell you

Maps: help you to understand where places are in the world

Illustrations/Photographs: Help you to know exactly what something looks like

Index: This is an alphabetical list of ideas that are in the book. It tells you what page the idea is on.

Labels: These help you identify a picture or a photograph and its parts

Special Print: When a word is **bold**, in *italics*, or underlined, it is an ***important*** word for you to know

Subtitles: These headings help you to know what the next section will be about

Table of Contents: Helps you identify key topics in the book in the order they are presented