

Text Features in Nonfiction

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Quick Review

Nonfiction often has **TEXT FEATURES** that help you find information faster — titles, headings, bold words, captions, charts, glossaries, and tables of contents. You can use these **BEFORE** you read the whole article.

PRACTICE

Use what you know about text features to choose the **BEST** answer.

1. You want to know what a book is about. Which feature should you look at **FIRST**?
 - A. the index at the back
 - B. the title and front cover
 - C. the very last paragraph
 - D. the page numbers in the middle
2. A **HEADING** at the top of a section of a book tells the reader —
 - A. the page number.
 - B. what the next section will be about.
 - C. the author's name.
 - D. the year the book was written.
3. You see a word in **BOLD** in your science book. Most likely, the word is —
 - A. a name of a character.
 - B. an important word the writer wants you to notice.
 - C. an extra word you can skip.
 - D. the longest word on the page.
4. A **CAPTION** is —
 - A. a list of all the words in the book.
 - B. the words near a picture that explain it.
 - C. the title of the whole book.
 - D. the author's last name.



5. You want to find every page that talks about “sharks.” Which feature is BEST?
 - A. the title page
 - B. the glossary
 - C. the index
 - D. the dedication
6. A GLOSSARY is —
 - A. a place to find page numbers for topics.
 - B. a list of important words and their meanings, often at the back.
 - C. a section about the writer's life.
 - D. a list of all the pictures in the book.
7. You see a chart that shows how much rain falls in four months. The chart helps you —
 - A. see the numbers side by side quickly.
 - B. spell the word “rain” correctly.
 - C. find the author's email.
 - D. skip reading the whole article.
8. Which feature would help you find the FIRST chapter about whales in a book?
 - A. the table of contents
 - B. the glossary
 - C. a caption
 - D. a heading on page 50
9. You read a website article. The web page has BLUE underlined words you can click. Those are —
 - A. headings.
 - B. captions.
 - C. hyperlinks that take you to more information.
 - D. glossary words.
10. Why are text features useful?
 - A. They make the book longer.
 - B. They help readers find and understand information quickly.
 - C. They replace the need to read.
 - D. They tell readers what the author thinks.



Answer Keys

- 1 A B C D
- 2 A B C D
- 3 A B C D
- 4 A B C D
- 5 A B C D

- 6 A B C D
- 7 A B C D
- 8 A B C D
- 9 A B C D
- 10 A B C D

Explanations

1. B	The title and cover give the topic right away. The index is for finding details; the last paragraph is the end of one chapter; page numbers don't tell topic.
2. B	Headings act like mini-titles for sections. The other options are facts that appear elsewhere.
3. B	Bold marks key vocabulary or important ideas. A is fiction's job; C is the opposite; D is not why writers use bold.
4. B	Captions describe what is in a picture. The others describe other text features.
5. C	An index lists topics with page numbers. The glossary defines words but doesn't list pages for topics; the title page shows the title; the dedication is a thank-you message.
6. B	Glossaries are mini-dictionaries. A describes an index, C is an author bio, D is a list of illustrations.
7. A	Charts compare data visually. The others are not what a chart does.
8. A	The table of contents lists chapters with starting page numbers. The others may help with details but not with finding the first chapter.
9. C	Underlined blue words are hyperlinks. Headings are larger; captions sit by images; glossary entries are usually in a list.
10. B	Text features support reading. A is not their purpose; C is wrong — they help, not replace reading; D mixes up text features with author's opinion.



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