

TEXT FEATURE

What are Text Features?

Using a Map

A **map** is a drawing created to represent the world or a part of the world's surface.

A **map** may include the following features:

- **Symbols** are used to represent the features shown on maps.
- A **legend** lists the symbols used on the map and tells us what the symbols mean.
- A **compass** shows north, south, east, and west on a map.
- An **title** is the main title of the map.
- A **scale** shows distances between locations and often includes a compass rose.
- A **caption** provides information about the map.



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Reading

You can read a **newspaper** to find out information about your town, city, state, country, and the world.

Newspapers have certain text features such as headings, captions, side bars, and fine print.

What is a Heading?

A heading is the title of an article that is often written in large print. A well written headline will often grab your attention.

What is a Caption?

A caption is a short summary describing a picture or drawing. Captions help you relate pictures to a story and may inform you of additional details about the story.

What is a Sidebar?

A sidebar is a story or paragraph that accompanies the main story, detailing a particular detail that is related to the story. A sidebar may be placed on the side, within, or at the end of an article.

What is fine print?

The fine print of an advertisement is information written in a much smaller font than the rest of the advertisement. Fine print often includes drawbacks of a deal or sale at hand.

Using a Textbook

Textbooks are nonfiction books that are used to study of a particular subject.

Textbooks have a table of contents so that you may find particular subject topics easily.



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What is the **heading** of this chart?



Which of the following **captions** best fits this picture?

- a] Large family holds reunion at the beach.
- b] Little City covered in buckets of falling snow.
- c] Local teacher lends a helping hand.
- d] Bumble bees take over lilacs in the city park.