

NONFICTION TEXT FEATURES

BOLD PRINT

Bold print calls attention to new and important words that can often be found in the glossary.

Most animals stay with their herds. But as they move around the plain, some animals get too far away from the herd. These animals become **prey**. They become victims of an attack by another animal.

The attacking animal is called a **predator** (PREH-duh-tur). A predator quietly watches and waits. When an animal gets away from the herd, the predator springs into action.

BULLETS

Bullets organize information
in a list.

**When you go walking or climbing
in the mountains, follow some
essential rules:**

- Use only the signposted paths.
- Never pick wild flowers.
- Try not to step on any plants
growing on the mountainside.

CAPTION

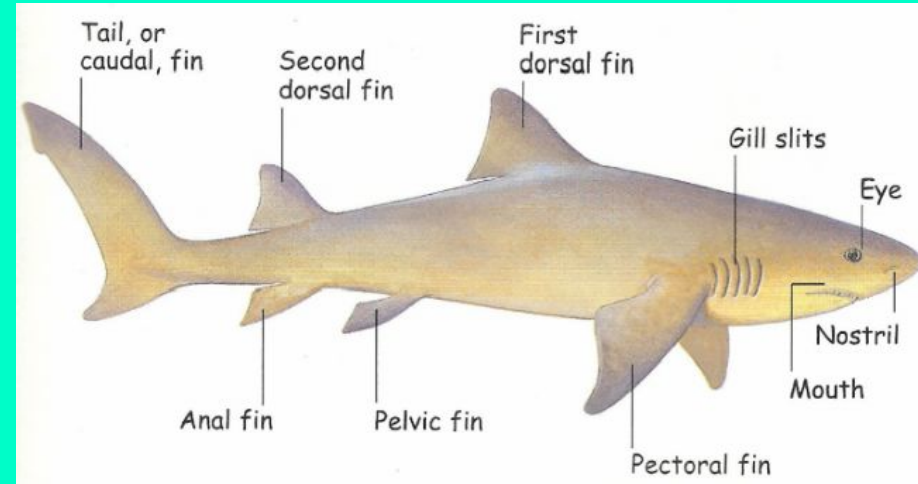
A caption is the words next or underneath a picture that explain what it is or is about.



▲ This picture shows the Everglades today.
You can see many buildings and canals.

DIAGRAM

A diagram is a drawing that shows the parts of something.



FACT BOX

A fact box gives additional information about a topic.

German Food

Germans enjoy many of the foods that their European neighbors do. They also eat many German dishes, such as homemade noodles and sausages. **Sauerkraut**, a kind of sour cabbage, is a popular food. Other favorites are potato dumplings and potato pancakes.

Did you know?

Many people in Germany enjoy an afternoon snack. It is called *Kaffee und Kuchen*, which means "coffee and cakes."



Germans love to eat spicy sausages. This shop has plenty to choose from!

**Looking at
Germany**

Kathleen Pohl

GLOSSARY

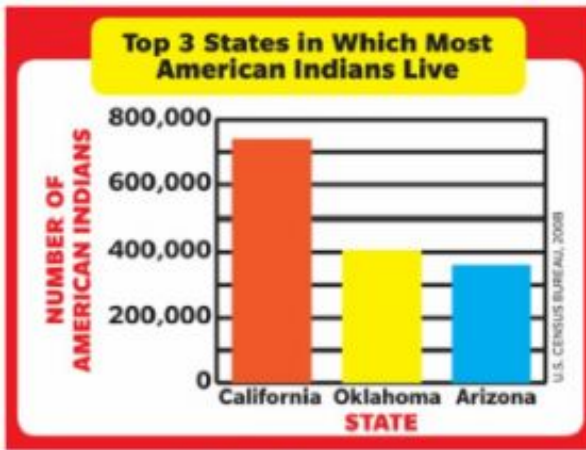
A glossary alphabetically lists new or important words and shows or tells what they mean.

Glossary

burrow	(BER-oh) a tunnel dug by an animal into soil or sand (page 5)
canopy	(KAN-oh-pee) the top layer in a rain forest (page 16)
dune	(DOON) a hill of sand (page 4)
endangered	(en-DAYN-jurd) in danger of no longer existing (page 20)
habitat	(HAB-uh-tat) a place where animals live that has the food, water, and shelter they need to stay alive (page 2)
herd	(HURD) a large group of animals (page 12)
oasis	(oh-AY-sihs) a desert area with an underground supply of water (page 6)
predator	(PREH-duh-tur) an animal that hunts for its food (page 13)
prey	(PRAY) an animal that is hunted and killed for food (page 13)
savanna	(suh-VAN-uh) a flat, grassy area with few trees (page 10)
survive	(SUHR-vive) live (page 7)
tropical	(TROP-uh-kuhl) a climate that is hot and rainy (page 16)
wadi	(WAH-dee) a watering place for animals in the desert (page 8)

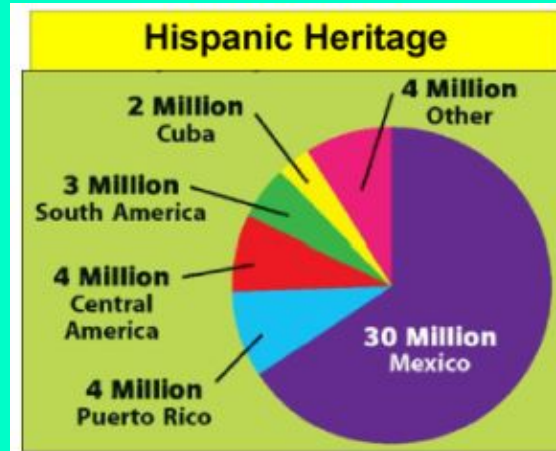
GRAPH

A graph shows information in a visual way so that it is more easily understood by readers.



Bar Graph

Scholastic News



Circle Graph (Pie Chart)

HEADING

A heading tells the reader what the section is about.



Lions Rule!

Lions spend most of the day lounging around in the sun. But any passing gazelle or wildebeest had better watch out. When lions are hungry, they become aggressive. They use teamwork to stalk their prey, sneaking up on it by surprise. By the time their victim catches sight of the lions, it's too late.

Women's Work

In a lion's world, it's the females that do the work. When they spot a meal, they spread out in a line and begin to prowl. Slowly, they creep closer and closer, then, suddenly, one of them pounces. She knocks her victim to the ground, then bites its throat so that it suffocates. Female lions can kill animals as big as zebras or buffalo.



TRUE STORY!

Lions don't usually attack people. But in the 1880s, work on a railroad line in Africa had to be stopped because lions ate 135 workers!



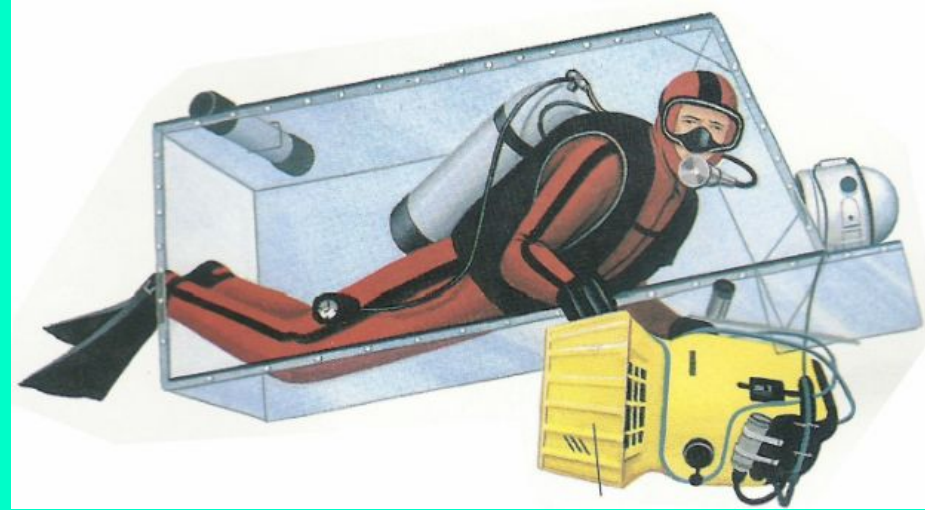
Lions' Playschool

Learning is best when you're having fun! Lion cubs learn to hunt by pouncing on the end of their mother's tail and playing games of tag.



ILLUSTRATION

An illustration is a hand-drawn picture that helps the reader visualize the text.



The Best Book of Sharks

Claire Llewellyn

INDEX

An index is an alphabetical listing of the subjects, people, and places found in the text.



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ITALIC PRINT

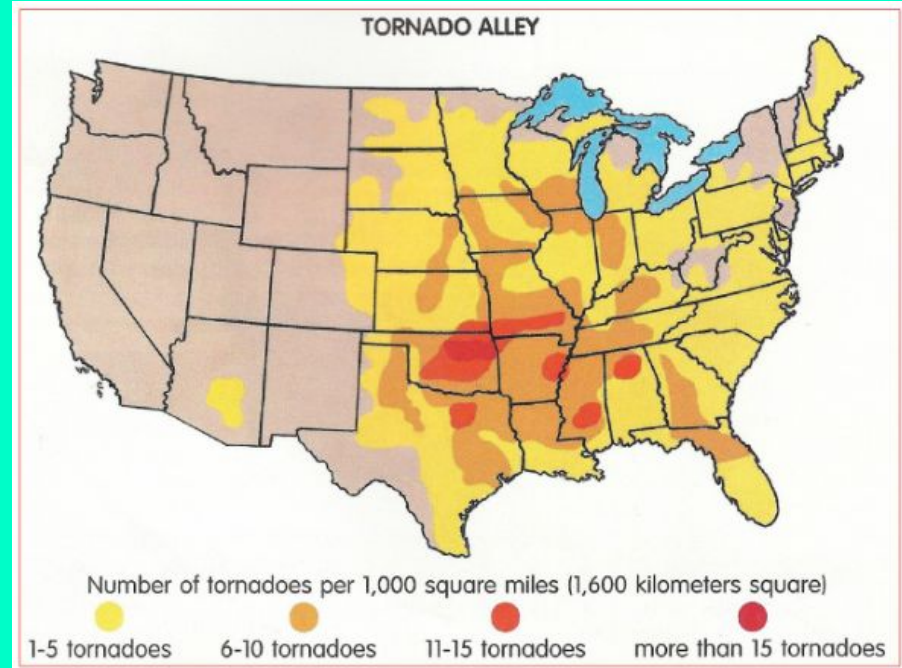
Italic print is slanted text that identifies new or important words.

Wedding bells

One of the most joyous family celebrations is a wedding. Relatives from near and far attend the ceremony, which usually takes place in a church. Guests offer their *tanti auguri*, or “best wishes,” to the couple and throw rice or *confetti*, a traditional candy made of white sugar-coated almonds. The bride and groom might also give small bags of *confetti* to guests as *bomboniere*, or reminders of the celebration. At the party following the ceremony, people enjoy a delicious meal and dance.

MAP

A map is a picture that shows the location of things or places.



Hurricanes Have Eyes But Can't See
Melvin and Gilda Berger

PARENTHESES

Parentheses are curved marks used to identify additional information in a sentence.

Ragged teeth

The sandtiger shark (also known as the ragged tooth or gray nurse shark) has several rows of sharp, spiky teeth. Each tooth is about 1.5 inches long.

PHOTOGRAPH

A photograph is a picture made with a camera that shows how things look in real life.



PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

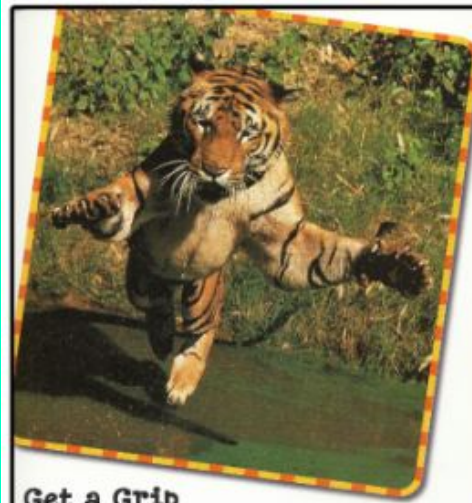
A pronunciation guide tells the reader how to say a new word.

Music and Dance

Music has always been important in Nigerian culture. Traditional Nigerian music includes *agidigbo* (ah-GEE-DIG-boh), *kokoma* (koh-koh-MAH), and *juju* (JOO-joo).

SIDEBAR

A sidebar gives additional information related to a topic or picture. It is usually located at the side of the page.



Get a Grip

Take a look at a pet cat's paws. Now imagine them at least 10 times bigger — that's tiger-sized. A tiger can bring down its prey with a single bat of its paw. First, it grips with its long, sharp claws. Then, for a tighter hold, it pulls its claws in. Ouch!



That's Weird!

Thump! A cassowary is a bird with a mighty kick. This beastly bird can't fly, so its only defense is to kick box its way out of trouble. It has three dagger-sharp claws on each foot, which it uses to slash its enemies. It lives in the rain forest.

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Animals
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What do crabs use claws for?



Many crabs have big, blunt claws like hammers for smashing shellfish. Others use jagged claws like knives, to slice up their food.



Robber crabs live on land. They climb up coconut trees, then use their huge claws as nutcrackers to pry open the tasty coconuts.



Sea anemones are underwater animals with stinging tentacles. Boxer crabs grab a fistful of them and use them as boxing gloves to punch enemies!

SUBHEADING


A subheading helps the reader “chunk” the text into smaller parts that are related to the heading.

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A table of contents gives the heading and beginning page number of each section in a book.



The **EVERGLADES**

by Kathy Kinsner

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The Everglades

Kathy Kinsner

TABLE

A table is a chart of information presented in a visual way. It is often used to compare things.

Habitats		
Habitat	Animals	Plants
Sahara		
Serengeti		
Congo Rain Forest		

TIMELINE

A timeline is a chart that helps a reader see important events in order.



TITLE

The title is the name of the book.

