

Non-fiction Text Features

What do we know about nonfiction?

- There is a *great deal* of **information** to be *understood and remembered*.



How does nonfiction text look different from fiction?

- each page has words *in a* variety of fonts and *sizes*
- **bold** or *italic* fonts may be used to signal *important words* or *phrase*
- there may be **chapter titles** and **section headers** that *preview information*

Title:



Headings:

Vitamins and Minerals

Vitamins and minerals help to keep healthy skin, teeth, and bones.

Fiber

Fiber helps the body digest food.

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How is **vocabulary** different in **nonfiction**?

- expect multi-syllabic words
- diacritical di•a•crit•i•cal | ˌdɪəˈkrɪtɪkəl | marks may be used to guide pronunciation
- expect unfamiliar words
- is often defined directly following the **bold** word
ie: ...see **artifacts**, or objects left from past civilizations.

evaporation **Glossary**
process of dryin;
changes liquid to

Polluted water makes people, pl

How are **graphic aids** used in **nonfiction**?

- **maps, charts, diagrams, photographs** are usually included to illustrate or *summarize information*



• **Diagram**



• **Photo with caption**

2006 METEOR SHOWERS		
Name of Meteor Shower	Date	Place in Sky
Quadrantids	January 3	east
Lyrids	April 22	northeast
Aquarids	May 6	east
Perseids	August 12	northeast
Orionids	October 21	east

• **Table**

- **captions or labels** must be *examined carefully for relevant information*