

Non-Fiction Resources How to read a textbook tips

- Browse the Table of Contents:
look at the topics and headings
- Skim the contents, flick through pages to
get "gist ideas" from looking at titles, pictures,
captions, graphs and tables

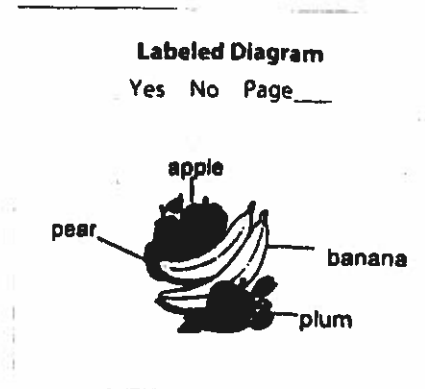
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Animal Habitats		
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- Ask questions: what is this chapter about?
Look at the topics,
captions and pictures.

Fact Box
Yes No Page__

A deciduous tree loses its leaves in the winter.
An evergreen tree keeps its leaves all year.

- What is the big idea?
Summarize after browsing through the chapter.
How are the big ideas organized?



Nonfiction Feature

- Check the copyright at the beginning,
is it current or out of date?

Headings

Bold Print

Italics

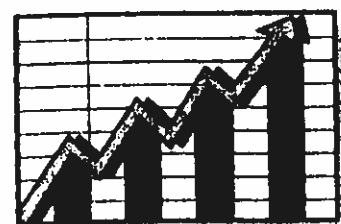
• **bullets**

- Look at the glossary and index,
Which terms are **bold** or in *italic*,
why are these words important?

Index		
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		giraffe 15, 18, 20
		hyena 9, 21
		jungle 4, 12, 24-26
		lion 23, 30

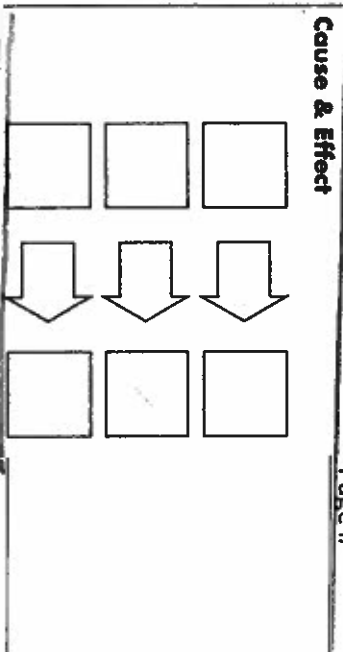
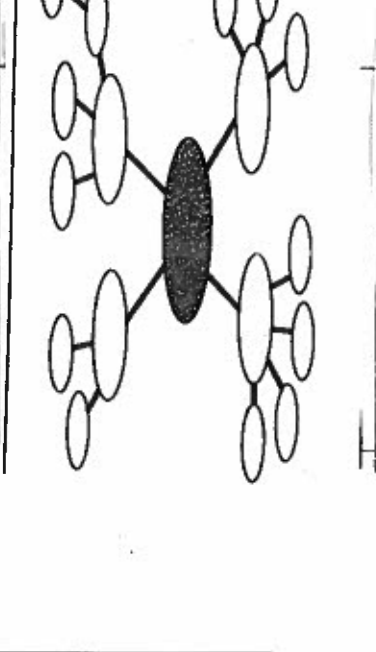
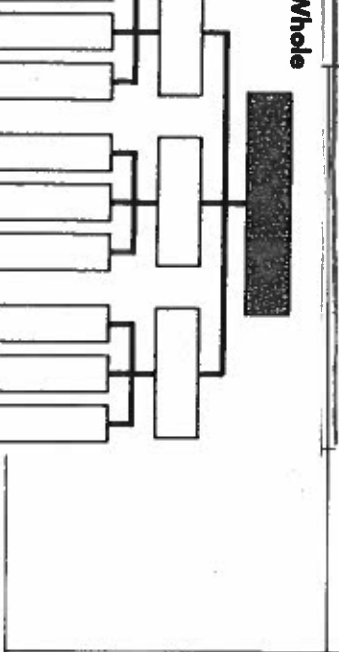
- What is the purpose of reading this? Does any text need
to be highlighted or jot noted down?

Graph
Yes No Page__

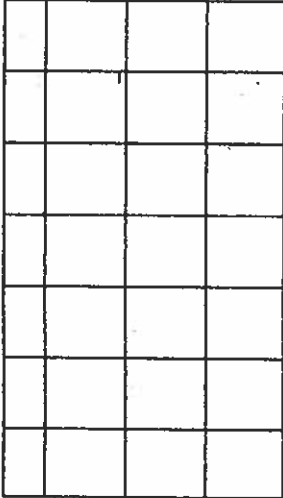
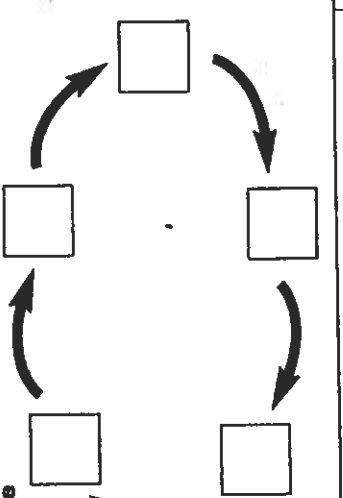
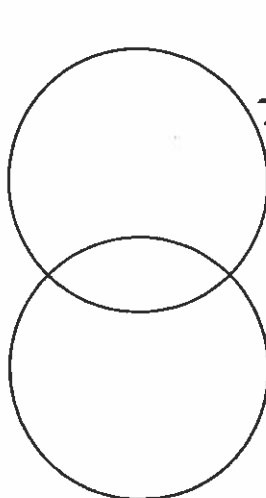


- After reading, refer to pictures and graphs or tables,
do these helps explain concepts? What questions do
you still have? Can you explain in your own words?
the main idea and details?

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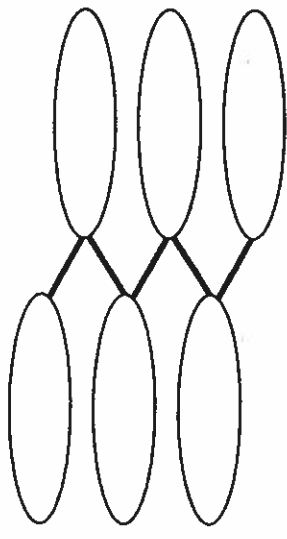
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Cause & Effect 				
Web 				
Part/Whole 				

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<p>Cycle</p> 				
<p>Compare & Contrast</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">Venn</p>				

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Chain of Events



Changes/Steps

Caption
Yes No Page ___



The turtle has a hard shell.



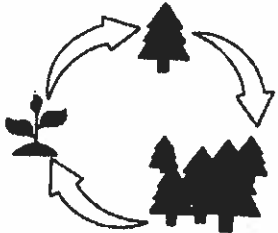
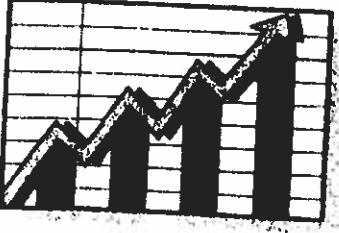
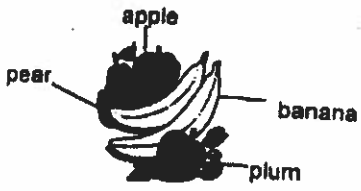
Nonfiction Feature Search

Name: _____

Title: _____

Author: _____

Skim through the book and find as many of these features as you can. Circle "Yes" or "No" to tell if you found the feature; write in the page number where the feature is found.

<p>Caption Yes No Page___</p>  <p>The turtle has a hard shell.</p>	<p>Chart Yes No Page___</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Grade</th> <th>Teacher</th> <th>Room</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>Mrs. Jones</td> <td>24</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5</td> <td>Mr. Nguyen</td> <td>40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6</td> <td>Miss Singh</td> <td>12</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Grade	Teacher	Room	4	Mrs. Jones	24	5	Mr. Nguyen	40	6	Miss Singh	12	<p>Comparison Yes No Page___</p>  <p>A T-Rex's tooth is the size of a corn cob.</p>
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<p>Fact Box Yes No Page___</p> <p>A deciduous tree loses its leaves in the winter. An evergreen tree keeps its leaves all year.</p>	<p>Flow Chart Yes No Page___</p> 	<p>Glossary Yes No Page___</p> <p>artery: a blood vessel that conveys blood away from the heart capillary: a minute blood vessel that connects the arteries to the veins vein: a blood vessel that conveys blood to the heart</p>												
<p>Graph Yes No Page___</p> 	<p>Index Yes No Page___</p> <p>den 8, 22 giraffe 15, 18, 20 hyena 9, 21 jungle 4, 12, 24-26 lion 23, 30</p>	<p>Labeled Diagram Yes No Page___</p> 												

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Map
Yes No Page___



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