

Nonfiction Conventions

What's the Purpose Behind the Conventions?

Labels- Helps the reader identify a picture or photograph and/or its parts.

Photographs- Help the reader understand exactly what something looks like.

Captions- Helps the reader better understand a picture or photograph

Comparisons- Helps the reader understand the size of something by comparing it to the size of something familiar

Cutaways- Helps the reader understand something by looking at it from the inside

Maps- Helps the reader understand where things are in the world

Types of Print- Helps the reader by signaling, "Look at me! I'm important!"

Close-Ups- Helps the reader see details in something small

Table of Contents- Helps the reader identify key topics in the book in the order they are presented

Index- An alphabetical list of almost everything covered in the text, with page numbers

Glossary- Helps the reader define words contained in the text