

TEXT FEATURES

What are Text Features?

A text that you are reading may include a map, chart, or graph. These are features of the text that help you understand the information in the text more clearly.

You may also see a map, chart, or graph by itself too. For instance, you may see a map in a park, which you can read to help find where you are or figure out where you need to go.

More about Maps

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miles on the map. A scale is needed on a map since maps can not be drawn to actual size.

Maps often include **symbols**, pictures, to represent the features shown on maps. For example, a map may show a picture of a small tent to show where there is a campground on a map.

A **legend** lists the symbols used on the map and tells us what each symbol represents.

Charts

A chart is a visual representation of specific information. Charts are often used to show information in a simple fashion that makes it easy for readers to interpret information quickly.

There are a variety of charts, such as:

Pie Chart



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Flow Chart

Flow charts have beginnings and often they have several possible outcomes. Flow charts usually represent a set of instructions that needs to be followed. Flow charts usually contain different boxes that each represent something different.



Graphs

Graphs are also visual representations of specific information. They too are often used to show information in a simple way so that readers can easily and quickly interpret the graph's information.

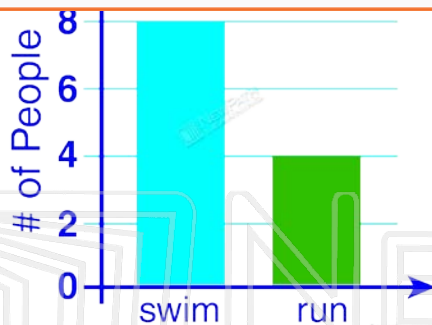
There are a variety of types of graphs, such as the following graphs that are used often:

Line graph



A line graph is used to show information over a period of time.

Bar



A bar graph is used to compare different groups. A bar graph uses...you guessed it...BARS to show specific information.

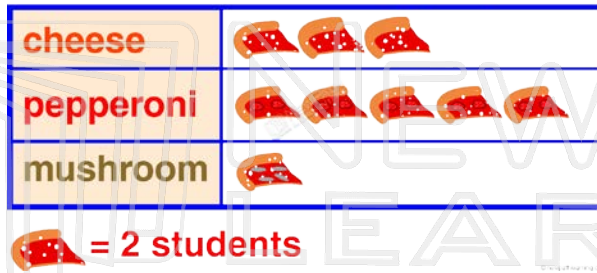


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Pictograph

Favorite Pizza Toppings



A pictograph uses pictures to easily show specific information. It is important to look at the key on a pictograph, since the pictures may represent different types of content.

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