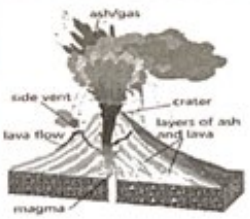
Nonfiction Text Features

Text Feature	Purpose	Example
map	shows where places/ events are located	
diagram	Explains information or how something works in a visual way	
bold print	shows what words are important or what words can be found in the glossary	The **goblin shark** lives in the deep sea waters off the coast of South Africa.
italics	identifies an important or foreign word	In Italy, guests at a wedding offer their *tanti auguri*, or best wishes, to the new couple.
fact box/ side bar	gives interesting facts or extra information about a topic	

headings/ subheadings	divides the text into sections and explains what the sections will be about	
photograph	taken by a camera; shows a real image of something	
illustration	drawn by an artist; shows what something should look like	
caption	explains a photograph or illustration	

Other in-text features can include bullet points, which make lists easier to read and understand, graphs, charts, and tables, which are visual representations of facts/data, and labels, which tell the names of certain parts in a photograph or illustration.