

TEXT FEATURE DETECTIVES



SHEET 1 | Choose the feature. Help the reader!

Name: _____ Date: _____ Block: _____

Your mission: Read each short text. Circle the ONE text feature that best meets the reader's need.

1 Inside a Volcano

Magma collects beneath a volcano. It travels up a passage and flows out through an opening at the top.

Which feature would best show these parts and where they are?

- A. A timeline of eruptions
- B. A labeled diagram of a volcano
- C. A glossary of weather words
- D. A map of nearby towns

2 Following the Trail

Pioneers traveled west from Missouri to Oregon. Their route crossed rivers, plains, and mountains.

Which feature would best help readers follow the route?

- A. A map with the trail marked
- B. A photograph of a wagon
- C. A glossary of travel words
- D. A heading above the paragraph

3 Words That Matter

A habitat provides what an animal needs. An adaptation helps an animal survive in its habitat.

Which feature would best explain the science words?

- A. A timeline
- B. A table of contents
- C. A map
- D. A glossary

4 The Road to Flight

In 1900, the Wright brothers tested a glider. In 1903, they flew a powered airplane. In 1908, they gave public flight demonstrations.

Which feature would best show when these events happened?

- A. A labeled diagram
- B. A photograph with a caption
- C. A timeline
- D. An index

5 Rainfall Report

A town received 2 inches of rain in March, 5 inches in April, 3 inches in May, and 6 inches in June.

Which feature would make the amounts easiest to compare?

- A. A bar graph
- B. A map
- C. A glossary
- D. A heading

6 A Photo Needs Help

An article includes a photograph of students planting trees. Readers cannot tell where the students are or why they are planting.

Which feature would best explain the photograph?

- A. An index
- B. A caption
- C. A table of contents
- D. A timeline

7 Find It Fast

A book about earthquakes has many chapters. A reader wants to find the chapter about staying safe without flipping through every page.

Which feature would best help the reader?

- A. A photograph
- B. A glossary
- C. A table of contents
- D. A diagram

8 Organize the Ideas

An article has three sections: what sea turtles eat, where they live, and the dangers they face. The sections have no labels.

Which feature would best identify each section's topic?

- A. A map
- B. A timeline
- C. A caption
- D. Subheadings

Think: What does the reader need to see, find, or understand?