

# 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