

Feature Detectives

Use pronunciation guides and diagrams to make informational text clearer.

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each pronunciation guide, and circle the sentence that tells how diagram labels help readers.

Helpful Text Features

- ① Informational books use special features to make tricky ideas clearer. A pronunciation guide tells how to say a word. For example, nocturnal (nahk-TUR-nul) means active at night. The capital letters show the part said more strongly. A guide helps readers talk about a topic and recognize a new word when they hear it later in conversation.
- ② A labeled diagram is a drawing that names its parts. In a book about a beaver lodge, a diagram could use arrows to point to the entrance, underwater tunnel, and food area. Labels show where each part is located. They help readers connect the names in the text to the shapes and places being explained more quickly.
- ③ Sometimes a word has a guide beside it, such as reservoir (REZ-er-vwahr). The guide does not replace the meaning of the word. Instead, it supports pronunciation while the nearby sentence or glossary explains the meaning. When readers use both pronunciation guides and diagrams, they can understand information, say topic words, and describe parts of an object accurately.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What do the capital letters in nahk-TUR-nul show?

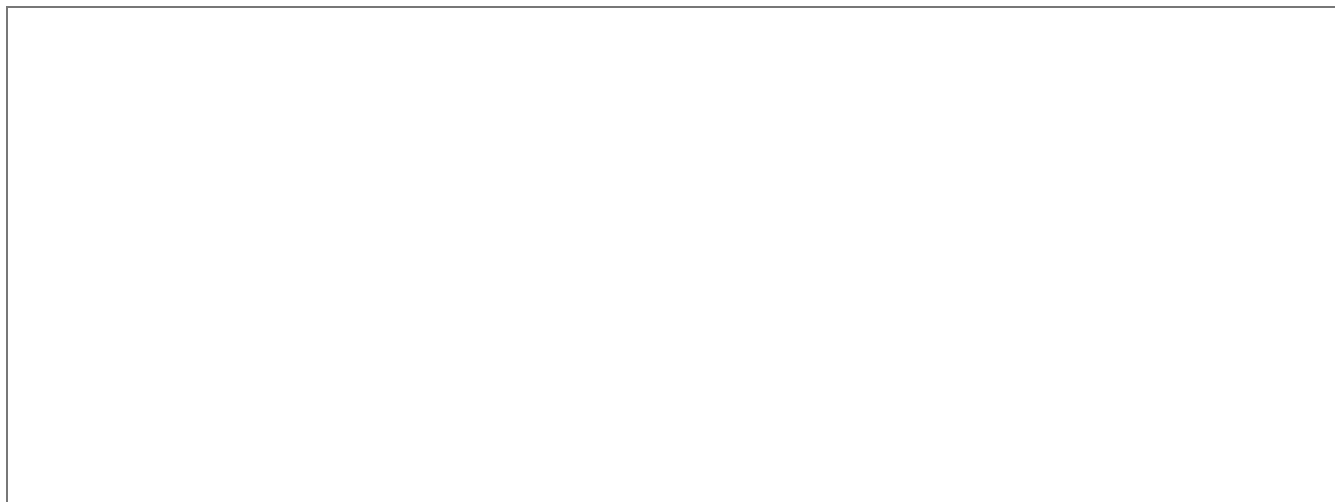
2 What three parts of a beaver lodge could arrows point to in a diagram?

3 How do labels in a diagram help readers?

4 Why does a pronunciation guide not replace a word's meaning?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Choose an object you know well. In the box, draw a labeled diagram with arrows pointing to at least three parts, then write a pronunciation guide for one topic word from your diagram.



PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each pronunciation guide, and circle the sentence that tells how diagram labels help readers. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What do the capital letters in nahk-TUR-nul show?	They show the part of the word that is said more strongly.
2	What three parts of a beaver lodge could arrows point to in a diagram?	The entrance, underwater tunnel, and food area.
3	How do labels in a diagram help readers?	They connect names in the text to the shapes and places being explained.
4	Why does a pronunciation guide not replace a word's meaning?	It tells how to say the word. A nearby sentence or glossary explains what the word means.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A drawing of a bicycle wheel has arrows pointing to the rim, spoke, and hub. Pronunciation guide: bicycle (BY-sih-kul).

Accept any accurate drawing with arrows and at least three clear part labels. Accept a reasonable sound-based pronunciation guide for a topic word, with the stressed syllable shown clearly.