

Expository Nonfiction

Expository nonfiction gives information about a topic. Look for:

- text divided into sections.

- headings that tell about each section.

Long Vowel /**a**/ spelled **ai** & **ay**

As in

rain

stay



Long Vowel /**e**/ spelled **ea**

As in

leaf

dream

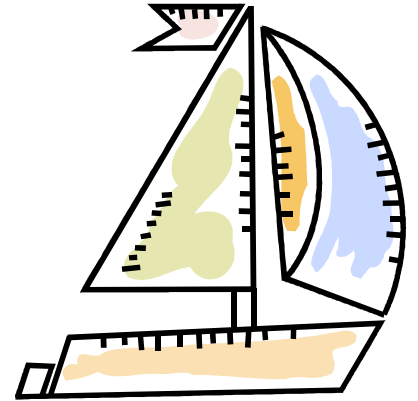


Long Vowel /o/ spelled oa & ow

As in

boat

row



Use a Dictionary

- Use a dictionary to find the meanings of words, how to spell words, or how to pronounce words.
- A dictionary has guide words at the top of the page. The guide words tell the first and last word on the page.
- The entries in a dictionary are listed in alphabetical order.

Locate Information

Use book parts and text features to
locate information.

Title Page

Table of Contents

Headings

Illustrations & Graphic Aids

Captions

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Use Prior Knowledge

Use prior knowledge to help you understand what you read.

Think: “What do I already know about this topic?”

Complete and Simple Subjects

- A complete subject is all the words in the sentence that tell who or what the sentence is about.
- The simple subject names only the person, place, or thing the sentence is about.

Complete and Simple Predicate

- A complete predicate is all the words that tell what the subject is or does.
- The simple predicate names only the action word.

Schools Around the World

Margaret C. Hall

Keys to the Universe