

## How to Read a Diagram

- 1) Read the title of the diagram. What does the title tell you about this diagram? What is this diagram trying to teach you?
- 2) Read any text from the diagram. Look at the labels and captions. These are important words to notice. They tell you about the important parts of the diagram or explain parts of the diagram. The labels point to a specific part of the diagram with an arrow or line. The captions can be located under the diagram or under a part of the diagram. Think about how these words help you understand the diagram better.
- 3) Look at the arrows and numbers that connect the pictures or drawings. These show what direction or order to read the diagram in.
- 4) Read the text on the page before the diagram and the page after the diagram.
- 5) Notice how the information is organized on the page. Think about how the diagram fits with what you are reading about in the main body of the text.
- 6) If something in the diagram does not make sense, reread it to clarify.