

## Readers' Theatre Script: What Are Graphic Features?

Note: We recommend that students create an example of their text feature that they wear or put inside a lanyard. Students can show their text feature as they say their part. The teacher or a mentor can play the narrator to assist the group and eliminate those text features that have not been taught.

**Characters (Total of Ten Parts):** Narrator, Drawing, Photograph, Inset, Cross section or Cutaway, Diagram, Map, Graph, Timeline, Table or Chart

<b>Narrator</b>	Today we are going to learn about some very important text features. Text features are the parts of a book that have been created to help you learn more about what is in the book. Today we are going to find out more about graphic features.
<b>All</b>	What are graphic features?
<b>Narrator</b>	Graphic features are pictures used to help you see something from the text. Some examples include photographs, maps, and graphs. They usually have text that goes with them to explain what you are looking at.
<b>All</b>	What is a drawing?
<b>Drawing</b>	I am a picture drawn by hand. I help you see something described in the text.
<b>Narrator</b>	How is a drawing different from a photograph?
<b>Photograph</b>	I am also a picture, but I am not drawn. I am a picture taken by a camera. Like a drawing, I help you see something from the text.
<b>All</b>	What about an inset?
<b>Inset</b>	I am next to or inside another picture. I have been blown up to show part of the picture in more detail.
<b>All</b>	How about cross sections or cutaways?
<b>Cross section or Cutaway</b>	I think I am the most interesting text feature because I can let you see the inside of an object, person, or place.
<b>All</b>	What?
<b>Cross section or Cutaway</b>	Well, have you ever wanted to see what the inside of the Earth is like? I can help you see all of the Earth's layers.

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<b>All</b>	What is a diagram?
<b>Diagram</b>	I am used to explain steps in a process, like how something is made.
<b>All</b>	How about maps?
<b>Map</b>	Without me, you might not know where something is located, like an ocean or a state.
<b>All</b>	And graphs?
<b>Graph</b>	I show number information from the text, usually in a diagram form, like a bar, line, or pie graph.
<b>All</b>	What is a timeline?
<b>Timeline</b>	I am a line that puts important events in the order that they occurred.
<b>All</b>	What is a table or chart? How is it different from a graph?
<b>Table or Chart</b>	I organize information into columns and rows so you can compare things from the book.
<b>Narrator</b>	Wow! I did not realize how many different graphic features (point to the graphic features) I might find in a book. Now that you (point to the audience) have learned what these features are and why they are important, make sure you use them to help you see and understand what you are reading about.