3.RI.5 Parent Helper

I CAN USE VARIOUS TEXT FEATURES AND SEARCH TOOLS TO LOCATE INFORMATION IN A TEXT.

Your child is learning to use text features and online search tools to help them better understand an informational text.

Vocabulary Terms:
Google/Search
Heading/Subheading
Bold/Italics/Underlined
Table of Contents
Glossary
Index
Captions
Labels
Diagrams/Charts
Photographs

Sample Questions To Ask Your Child:

What text features do you see on this page?

What text feature was most useful to you?

Look at the Table of Contents. If you wanted to learn about ___, what page would you turn to?

What text feature would be helpful on this page?

Where do you find the glossary? The index?

What words are in bold print on this page? Why did the author make those words bold?

Look at this diagram and read the labels. What is ___?

If you were using Google to search information about ___ what key words would you use to search?

Need more resources?

You can practice this standard with your child using any non-fiction informational text. It is important to remember that your child should be able to look back in the text to find answers and should also be able to show you where they found them. Children often look at graphics and illustrations on pages, but avoid reading things such as captions. If you notice your child is skipping reading these very important text features, ask them a question that can only be answered if they read that text features. For example, did the caption of a photograph included an interesting bit of information? Ask your child about it and if they don't know where you found that information, have them reread the page. It is very important that your child get in the habit of reading everything on the page.

Any time your child is wondering about something, give them the opportunity to search for it online themselves. Help them figure out what key words they should use when making their search. You can search "search engines for kids" online. There are many search engines that you can use to find appropriate and safe reading material for your child.