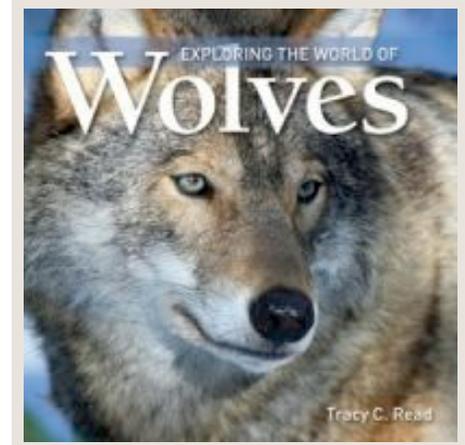




**Title:** Exploring The World Of Wolves  
**Author:** Tracy C. Read  
**Illustrator:** Renne Benoit  
**Genre:** nonfiction (descriptive)  
**Text Features:** title, index, introduction, captions, sidebars, table of contents, headings, labels, diagrams, bold words, photographs.  
**Cultural Connection:** Wolves  
**Curriculum Connection:** Science (life cycles, anatomy and habits of wolves)



## SYNOPSIS

This book is part of the Exploring the World of .....nature series. Full colour photographs, a variety of nonfiction text features and highly readable text make this book an engaging source of information about wolves.

## LEARNING INTENTION

### Focus Reading Connection: #6 Text Features

To be able to demonstrate the use of the following nonfiction text features: label, diagram, caption, heading, close-up look. Readers use the features of nonfiction text to help find information about the topic they are interested in. When talking to students about the features of nonfiction text it is important to emphasize that:

1. Nonfiction text features help to make the important information easier to find.
2. Nonfiction text features usually highlight the most important pieces of information.

Some Common Nonfiction Text Features:

labels, bold words, title, headings, charts, table of contents, fact boxes, photographs, index, captions italics, diagrams, maps, glossary, illustrations, graphs, webs, speech bubbles.

**This lesson uses structured partner talk as a learning strategy. To learn more about partner talk please refer to the Educator's page on our website.**

### Materials Required:

- multiple copies of Exploring the World of Wolves by Tracy C. Read
- 1 copy of the text feature worksheet per student



## BEFORE

- This lesson requires that you have already taught your students the difference between fiction and nonfiction text (comparing fiction and nonfiction books on the same topic is one way to do this).
- Have each student turn to a predetermined partner. Have them brainstorm what they remember about the following features of nonfiction text: label, diagram, caption, heading, close-up look.
- Have some of the students report out to the larger group.

## DURING

- List the following on the chalkboard: label, diagram, caption, heading, close-up look.
- Have the students work independently, or in pairs, to search through their copies of Exploring the World of Wolves to find examples of the listed nonfiction text features.
- Have students take a close look at the labelled diagram on page 8 and 9.
- Have each student turn to the same partner and explain what they have learned about wolves from looking at the diagram.
- Distribute a text feature worksheet to each student.
- Model the drawing of a wolf on the chalkboard.
- Have the students draw a wolf on their worksheet.
- Model labelling the wolf drawing. The accompanying conversation may go something like this: "Now let's label the ears. Can anyone remember why it is important for a wolf to have a good sense of hearing?"
- When the students have completed their drawings and labelled them ask them to turn to the same partner and explain which feature of the wolf's body is most important for it's survival.
- Have some students share their ideas with the rest of the class.
- Have the students draw a close-up of the feature they have chosen inside the circle.
- Have the students complete the assignment by providing a title and caption for the diagram.

## AFTER

- Have each student leave their labelled diagram on their desk top or table.
- Have each student walk around the classroom and look at the other diagrams.
- Ask each student to notice if anyone else had chosen the same important feature as they had done (to draw inside the close-up circle).
- Have the students report out their findings to the class.

### Suggested Supplemental Resources:

Check on the Kids tab of our website to find similar books, such as:

- Baby Wolves by Bobbie Kalman
- Amazing Animals Wolves by Kate Riggs
- The Sea Wolves by Ian McAllister

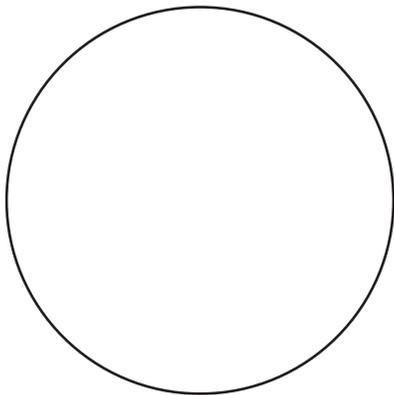
Check on the Gifts tab of our website to find other items such as:

- Plush Toy: Smokey the Wolf designed by Beau Dick
- DVD Raven Tales Episode 03: The Sea Wolf
- DVD Raven Tales Episode 08: Howl at the Moon
- First Nations Hand Puppet: Howler the Wolf
- Rubber Stamp: wolf, designed by Beau Dick



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