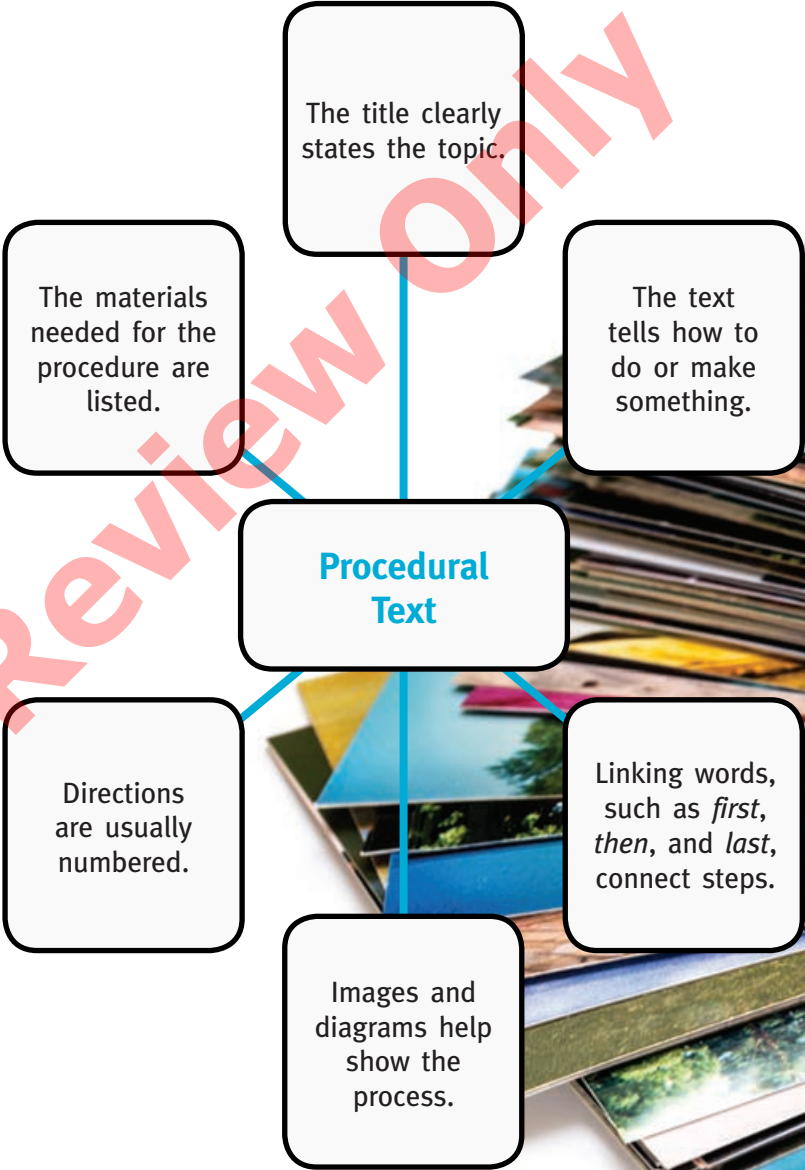


How to Read Pictures

Procedural Text

Look for the genre features noted below as you read this book. Use the features to help you understand the text.



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A World of Pictures

The world is full of pictures. They're everywhere—in books, on computers, on television, at the movies. Every picture tells a story. Knowing how to read a picture's story allows readers to learn a lot of information about it.

For instance, look at the photograph on page 3. Two girls have a lemonade stand. How can a reader tell? The lemons are a clue that the girls are making lemonade. The third girl is on the other side of the lemonade stand. Where she is standing shows that she is a **customer**.

This book will explain how to read pictures. All readers need are pictures, their eyes, and their brains.





What Is in This Picture?

When people read stories, they read the words carefully. They look for clues about what the story means. Reading a picture works in much the same way. Readers look for clues to tell them what the picture shows.

Look at the picture below. To understand what is going on in the picture, try making a chart like the one that is already completed on page 5.



People	Places	Activities
one man	farm field with vegetables growing	The man looks happy. He is holding a basket of tomatoes. He probably just picked them from his farm.

First, fill in the chart to show people, places, and activities. There is one person in the picture. Where is he standing? He is in a field where vegetables are growing. What is he doing? He is holding a basket of tomatoes.

Next, use the clues in the photograph to think about what the photograph is saying. Write a sentence like this to tell about the picture:

The farmer looks happy. He has just picked tomatoes on his farm.



Sometimes there is a lot happening in a picture. A **grid** can help people know what is going on. With a grid, it's easy to look at one part at a time.

For example, look at the grid that was added to the photograph on page 6. The blue lines divide it into nine parts. Look at each part of the photograph to see what it shows. Then make a chart like the one below to tell what is happening.

Words in a photograph can also help readers understand the picture. What do the words in this photo say? See how one reader filled in a chart for this photograph.

People	Places	Activities
one woman	The sign says she is in a farmers' market.	She is selling all kinds of things. I can read signs that say she is selling lemons and eggs and other things.

The woman is selling food at a farmers' market.

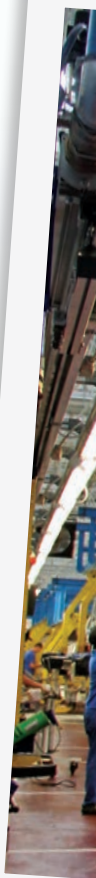
Asking Good Questions

Asking good questions is a key to learning about photographs. Readers should ask these questions when reading a book or magazine with pictures.

First, ask: What is going on in this picture? For instance, what is going on in the photograph on page 9? It shows people in a factory making automobiles. When many people work together like this, it is called an **assembly line**.

Next, ask: What makes me think that about the photo? Maybe it's the shape of the car doors. Or it might be the workers. They look as though they are building the car.

Finally, study the photograph some more. Ask: What else do I see? Are there other workers? Then maybe it takes more than one person to build a car. That is information that can be read and learned from the photograph.



People	Places	Activities
workers	automobile factory	The man is working on a car door. I can see other people working on a part of the car.

