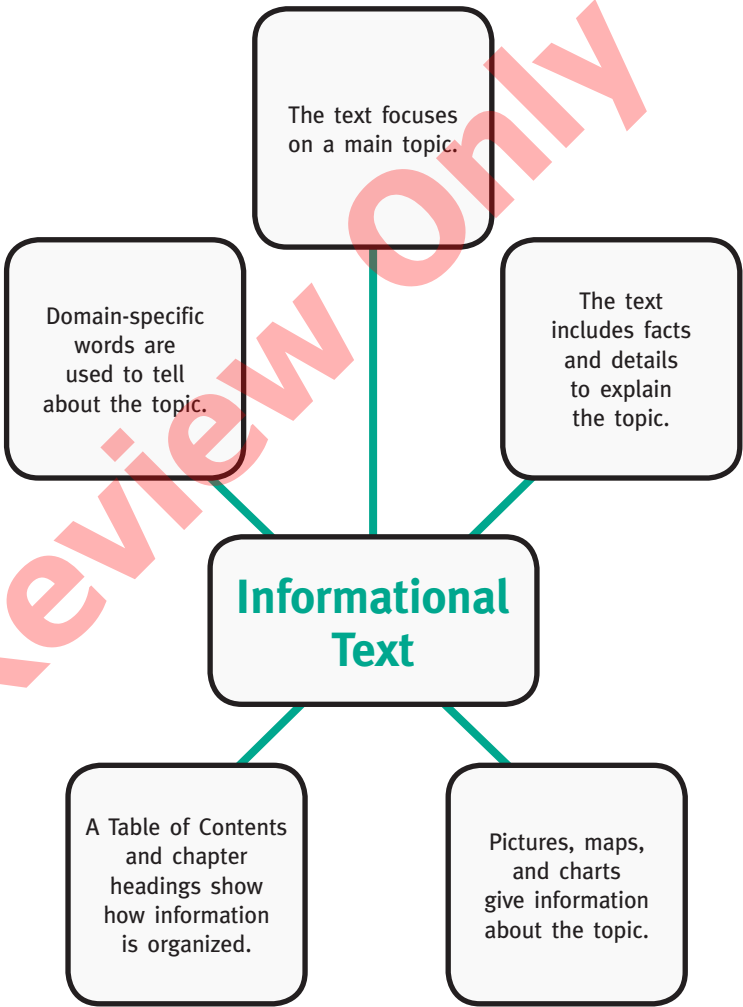


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What Are Inches and Feet?

Long ago, people didn't use rulers or measuring tapes to measure. They used their hands and feet!



◀ The word *inch* comes from an old word for thumb, the widest finger!

An inch was the width
of an adult's thumb.

A foot or 12 inches was
the length of an adult's foot.

▼ The word *foot* comes from
the length of a man's foot.

▼ 1 foot



▲ 12 inches

Today we have rulers that show inches.
We use a ruler to find the length of
something in inches.



▲ This ruler is 12 inches long.



We use inches to measure small things.
We can measure a book or a worm
in inches.



- ▲ What are the measurements of the book and the worm?

A foot is another unit of measure.
A foot is the same as 12 inches.
Measuring tapes have numbers that
show feet and inches.



▲ This measuring tape has
numbers for inches and feet.

We can measure the rooms of a house in feet. If a shoe is 12 inches long, we can use it to measure things, too!



▲ What does this room measure in feet?

When we go to the doctor, the doctor measures our height. The doctor has a scale that he or she uses to take measurements.



This scale has ►
a ruler to
measure height.

The scale has a long ruler that touches the top of the head. That's how the doctor measures height!



▲ This doctor tells the boy his height.