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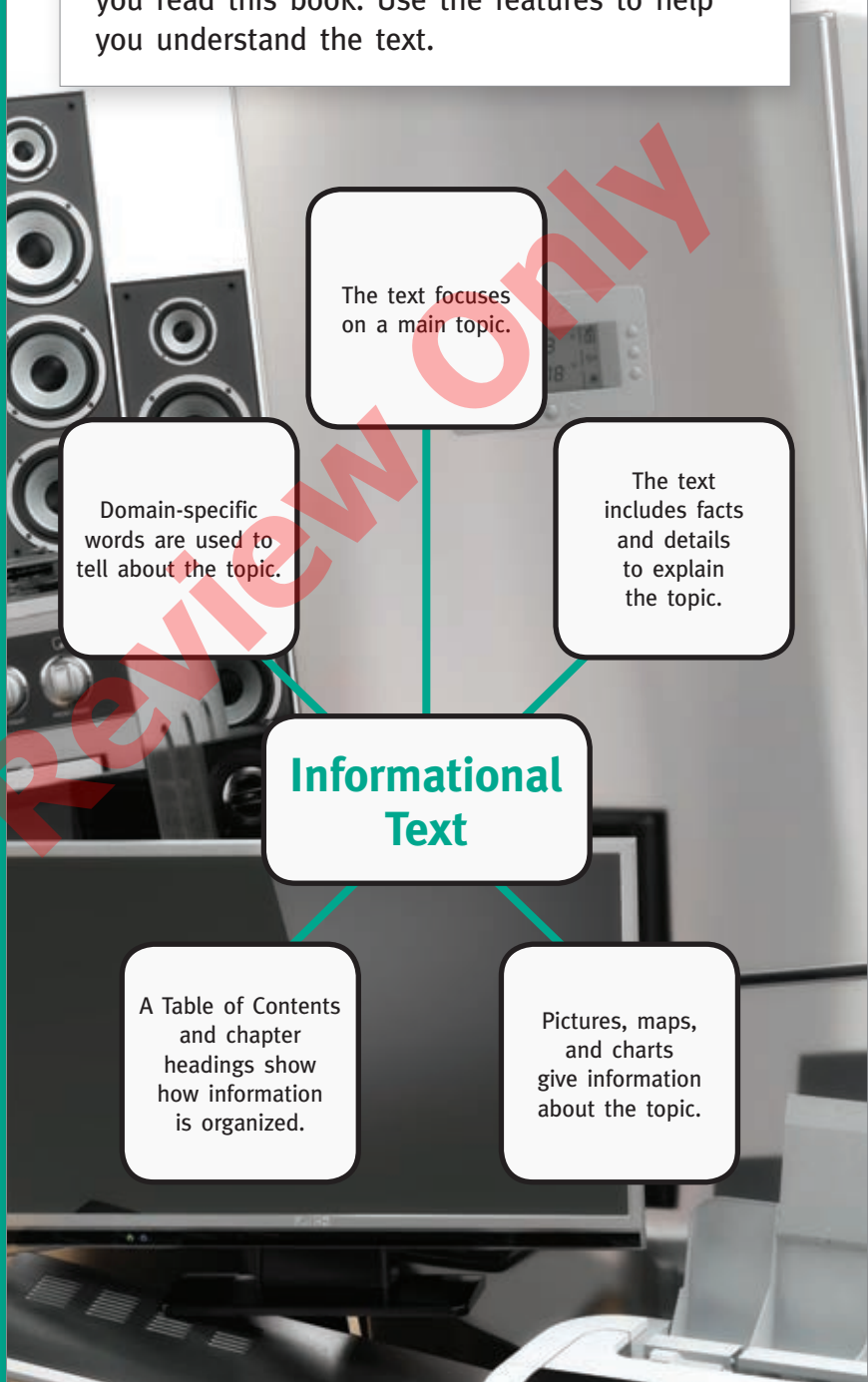
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Technology at Home

People have always used technology at home. But technology has changed over time. What people use today is very different from long ago. Back then, people did not have electricity. They could not heat up dinner in a microwave oven in three minutes.





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CHAPTER 1

At Home Without Modern Technology

Long ago, people did not have modern technology in their homes. Their daily lives were very different from ours today.



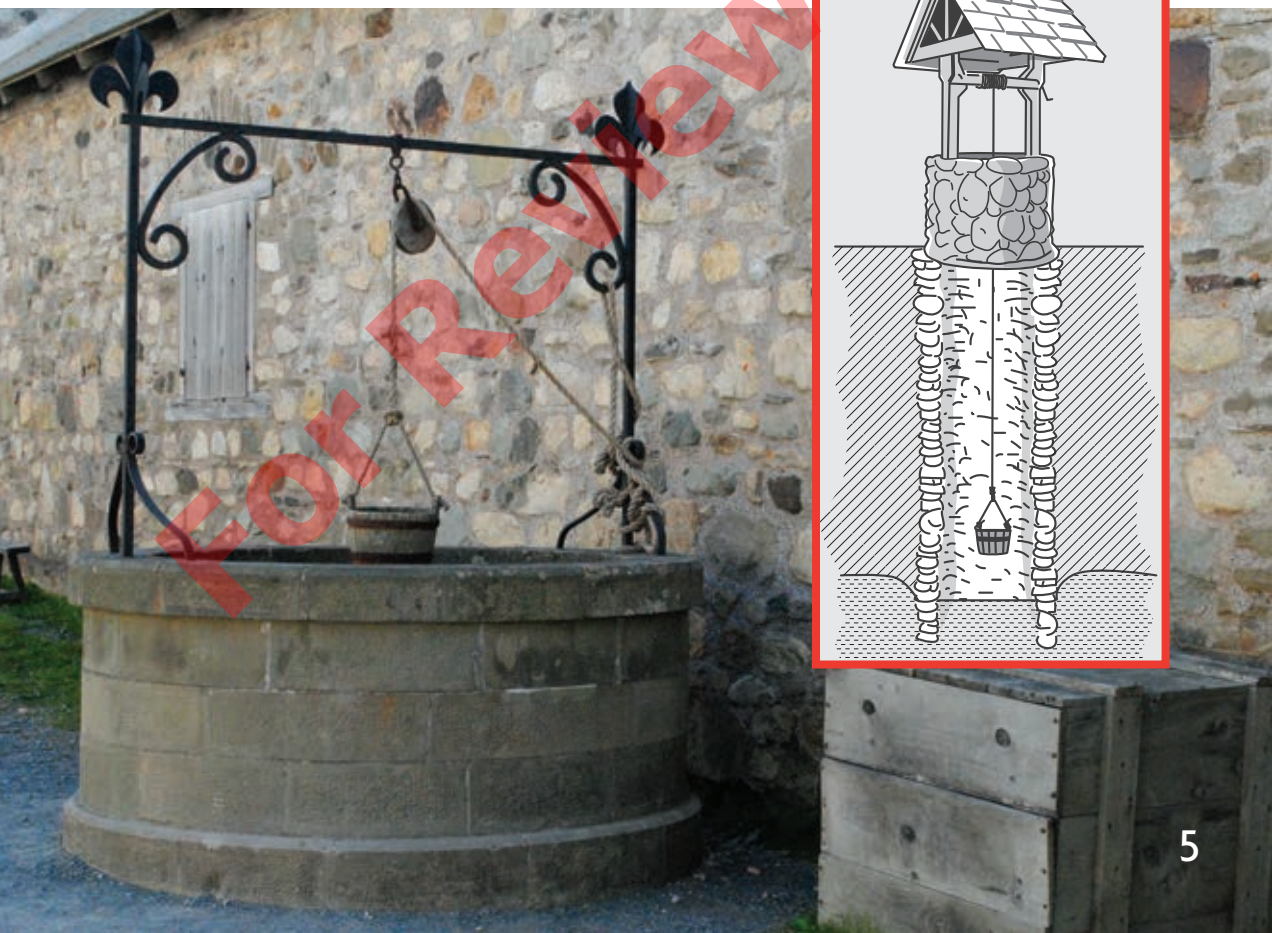
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In the past, homes didn't have electricity. Instead, people used candles and oil lamps to light their homes. They cooked in fireplaces.



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Homes didn't have running water. People got water from a well. Wells helped them get water from underground. People carried the water home in buckets.



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Long ago, homes did not have refrigerators. People used large blocks of ice to keep food cold. The ice was delivered to their homes. The food was kept cold in an icebox.



icebox ▶



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People did not have washing machines. They washed their clothes by hand. Then they hung the clothes outside to dry.



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Technology has changed over time. Electric power created major changes in the home in the 1900s.



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vacuum cleaner



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personal computer



mobile phone

1970s 1980s 1990s



microwave oven

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