

TEXT FEATURES PRACTICE ASSESSMENT

It's Drool Rules!

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1. What text feature is used when the word “saliva” appears in bold print?

A) caption

C) heading

A)font changes

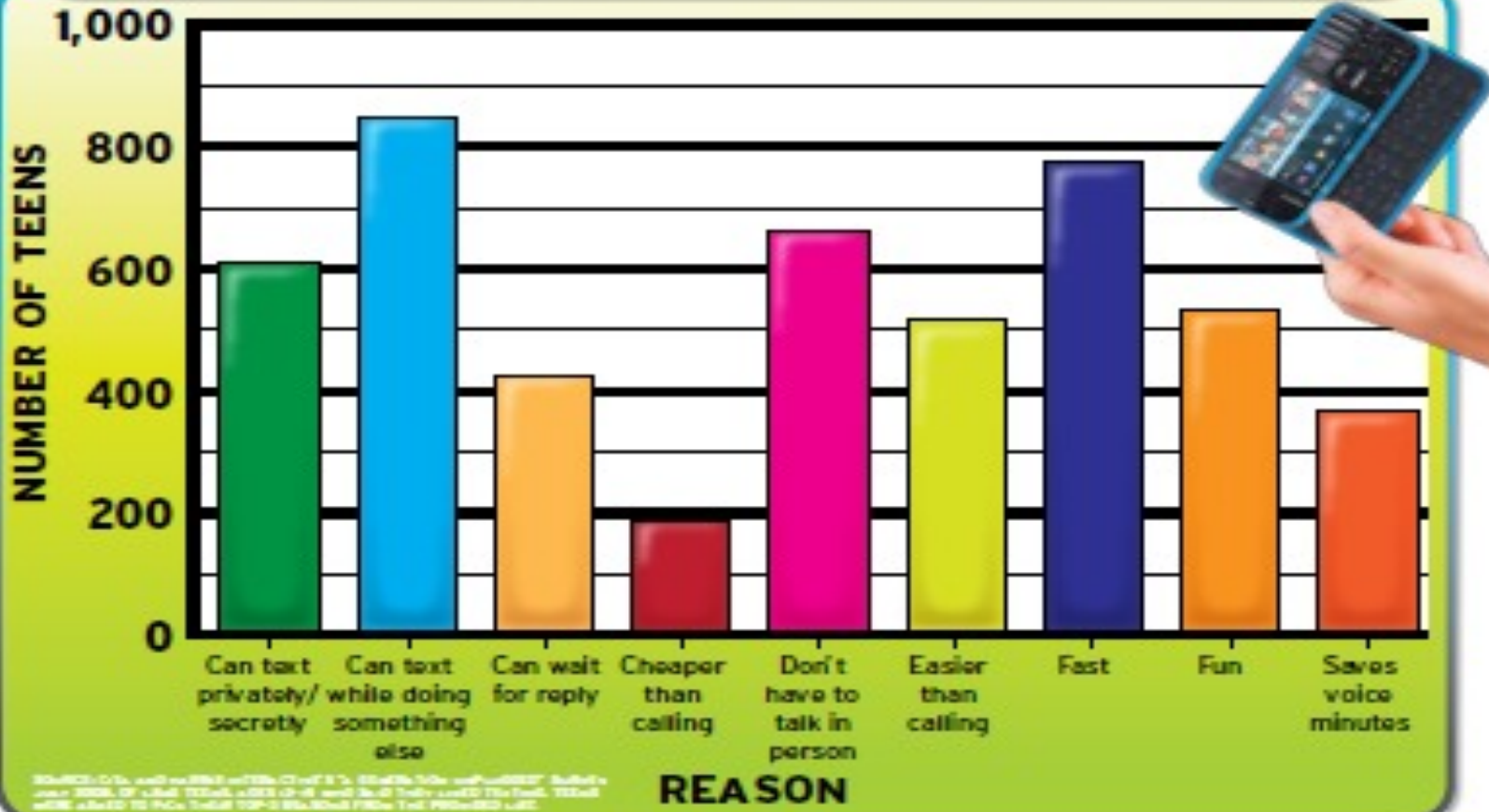
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2. Why did the author choose to put “saliva” in bold text?
- A) To make the paragraph attractive and easy to read.
 - B) Draw the reader’s attention to an important word
 - C) Point out the main idea of the paragraph or section.
 - D) Help the reader visualize the information.

WHAT TEENS WHO ENJOY TEXTING LIKE MOST ABOUT IT



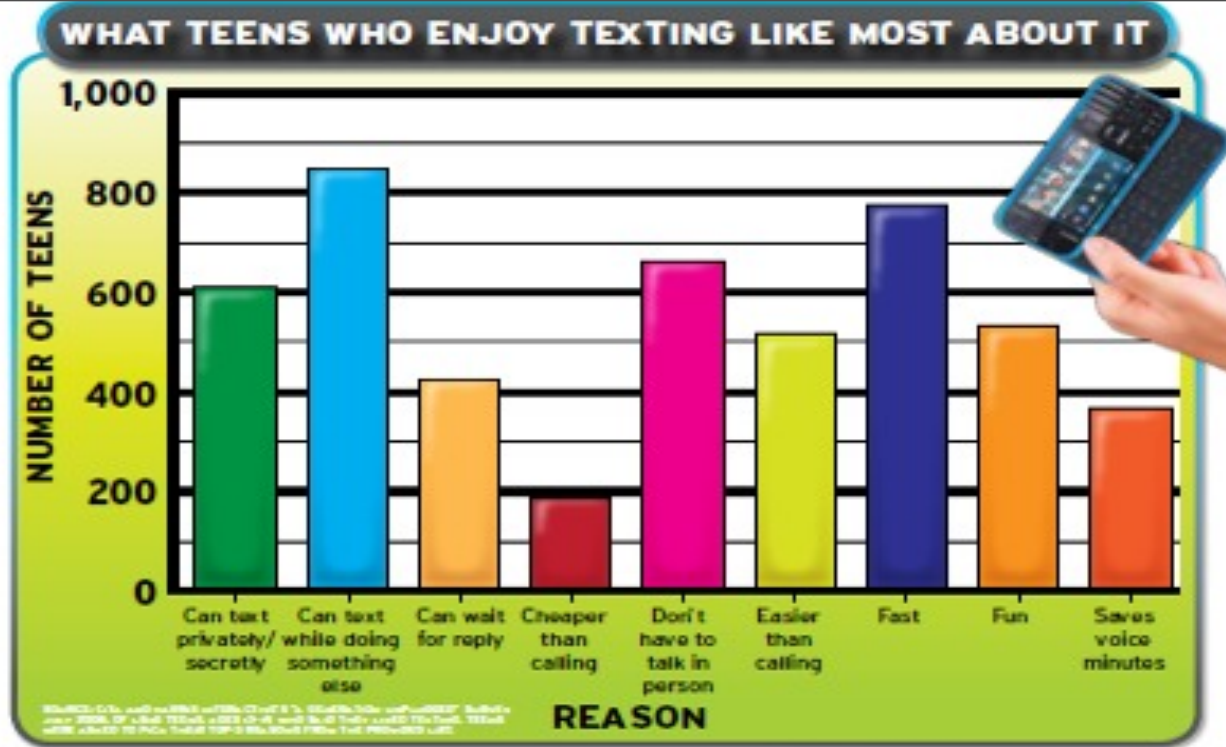
3. This graph is an example of which text feature?

A) Sidebar

C) Graphic

B) White Space

D) Column



BONUS QUESTION #1
 Name a class you are currently taking that would often use graphs like the one pictured to the left.

4. The purpose of graphics (such as graphs, tables, pictures, or maps) is to

- A) Help the reader visualize important information
- B) Describe what is found in a photo or illustration
- C) Separate text into sections based on main ideas
- D) Show information that occurs in a certain order



Is this snake staring at you? Snakes do not have eyelids like humans. Instead, they have clear scales that protect their eyes and allow them to see.

5. The text feature found below the snake photograph is called a(an)

A) font change

C) caption

B) white space

D) sidebar



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1. The purpose of the text feature below the photo is
 - A) To show the main idea of the article to the reader.
 - B) To convince the reader that snakes are dangerous
 - C) To provide an explanation of the photo
 - D) To inform the reader about the history of snakes.



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7. What is the text feature indicated with the red box and arrow?

- A) Heading
- B) Caption
- C) Sidebar
- D) Graphic



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8. What is the author's purpose for the text feature inside the red box?"

- A) To show the main idea of the first paragraph.
- B) To provide info not found in the text
- C) To show the main idea of the article.
- D) To establish where an event happens and how far away.

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9. What text feature is used in the red boxes?

- A) Sidebar
- B) Column
- C) White Space
- D) Subheading

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10. What is the purpose of these subheadings?

- A) To help the reader understand the author's opinion
- B) To help the reader visualize the information
- C) To help the reader find the main ideas in each section
- D) To help the reader place events in order

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Ever dropped your **cell phone** in the **sink**, or even worse... the **toilet**? Did you ever leave it in your pocket and run it through the washer? Did you ever **swim with your cell phone** in your pocket? It usually means you have to replace your phone, but sometimes if you're fast, you can save the phone!



1. What text feature is shown in the red box?

1. **Get it out of the water as soon as possible.** The plastic covers on cell phones are fairly tight, but water can enter the phone in a short period of time, perhaps only 20 seconds or less. So grab your phone quickly! If you can't get to it in time, your best bet is to remove the battery while it is still under water.
2. **Don't panic.** Your phone will probably not be too damaged if you right away take it out of the water. While it's in the water, immediately take it out.
3. **Remove the battery.** This is one of the most important steps. Don't **take time** to think about it; electricity and water do not mix. Cutting power to your phone is a crucial first step in saving it.
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- A) Numbered List
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- C) Graphic
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12. The author uses this text feature to show

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- B) How to remove a SIM card from your phone
- C) The dangers of swimming with your phone
- D) The proper steps in saving your cell phone when wet.

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*STATISTICS FROM "TEENS AND THE INTERNET" (SCHOLASTIC AND THE PEW RESEARCH CENTER, 2008)

13. The text feature in the yellow box is called a(an)
- A) caption
 - B) diagram
 - C) timeline
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14. This article is about the increase in students using the internet. What is the purpose of the text feature in the yellow box?

- A) To show the number of teens using the internet
- B) To persuade the reader to use the internet
- A) To add color and make the article pretty
- B) To persuade the reader to make a Facebook page



15. What text feature is used on the list to the left?

A) Numbered List

B) White Space

A) Captions

B) Bulleted List



16. What does this bulleted list tell you about the items on the list?

A) They are in a specific order that must be followed.

B) They are items that are not very important.

A) They are not in any particular order

B) They are items that can only be bought at one specific store

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1. What text feature appears before each subheading (see arrows)?

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- B) Font Changes
- C) Bulleted List
- D) Numbered List

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18. What is the purpose of the text feature indicated by the arrows?

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- B) To emphasize important words
- C) To show information not provided in the article
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- B) Column
- C) Sidebar
- D) Font Change

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20. What is the purpose of this text feature?
- A) To make text look shorter and less intimidating to read
 - B) To show items in a special order
 - C) To show the main ideas of text
 - D) To show that Will Smith is a fantastic actor

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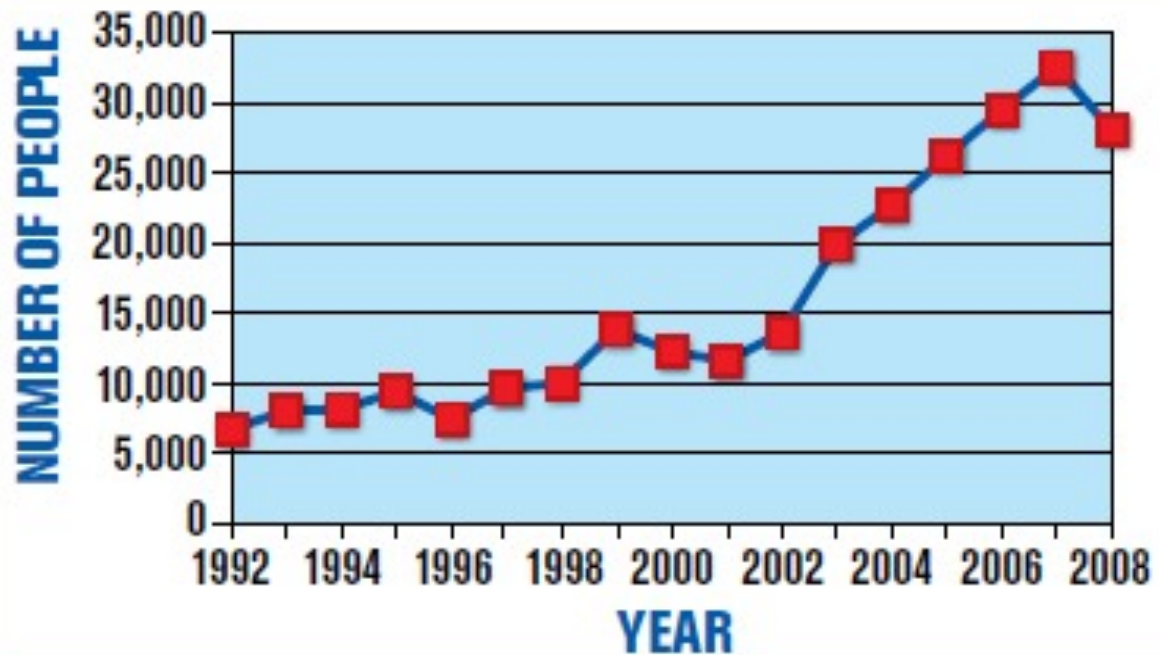


1. Under which heading might you find information on Will's childhood chores?

- A) Hard Work at Home
- B) Early Fame
- C) Movie Magic
- D) How He Does It

NUMBER OF TOURISTS VISITING ANTARCTICA

With new restrictions on Antarctic tourism, what trend do you think you would see in the graph after 2008?



22. What purpose would this have in an article about tourism in Antarctica?
- It helps readers visualize the changes in tourist numbers from 1992 until 2008
 - It helps tourists decide when to visit Antarctica
 - It gives reasons not to visit Antarctica in the winter.
 - It informs the reader of reasons to visit Antarctica.