

Figure 5.5 Common text features and graphic elements and their functions.

Function	Text Features
Elements that organize	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chapters• Titles• Headings• Subheadings• List of figures
Elements for locating information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Table of contents• Indexes• Page numbers
Elements for explanation and elaboration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Diagrams• Charts and tables• Graphs• Glossary
Elements that illustrate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Photographs• Illustrations
Elements that notify	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bolded words• Italics and other changes in font

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