



Questions for non-fiction books.



<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Identifying Non-Fiction Structure</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What's the purpose of this book? Why would you read it? • Does the book have a central character? • What makes it different from a story? • Does this book have chapters? • How has the author organised the material in the book? • What could you find out from this book? • How do you know if the information is accurate? • How do you know if the author is an expert? • Compare the contents page of a fiction and non-fiction book. • Look at the bibliography. Why might this be useful? 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Headings and Subheadings</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where could you find out about in this book? • Is there another way? What's the quickest way? • How many levels of headings and subheadings does this book have? Are they statements or do they ask questions? • Which engage the reader more effectively? • Do you notice any of the headings when you scan the text? • Do the headings describe the information that follows? 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Index</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What's the difference between the index and the contents? • If you want to find out about how could you do it? • What's the best place to look for information about? • If you can't find information in the contents, where else might you look? • If there isn't an entry in the index, what might you do to find out about? • How could I use the search engine to find out about....? • Why are the sites found organised in this order? Why are 'hot links' useful?
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Glossary</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compare the definitions of given in the glossary of at least two books. Which one is clearer? • When you were doing research about Were there any words that you looked up in the glossary? Was the glossary helpful? 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Register – the tone of the writing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you think the letter writer is a friend of the person who will receive it? Why? Why not? • What words give you a clue that this is a formal letter? • How would this biography be different if the subject had written it? • Which formal words would you not use if you were writing to a friend? • Why has the author set out the instructions like this? Could they have been written any other way? • How could this be made to sound more friendly and informal? • How could this be made to sound more formal and serious? 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Jargon</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does this sound complicated? • Could you write this in simpler terms? • Which words and phrases tell you that the author is describing? Why did he use the technical language and