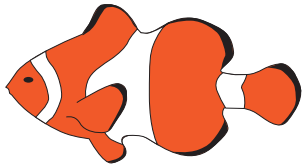
# Read & Comprehend Complex Illustrations

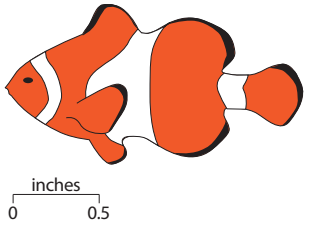
## Simple Diagrams

- Show the surface.
- Identify with label(s).
- Reference size.

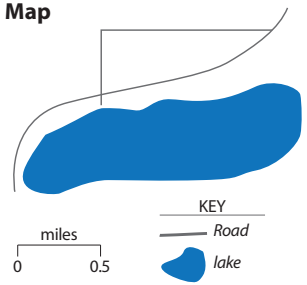
### Picture glossary



### Scale diagram



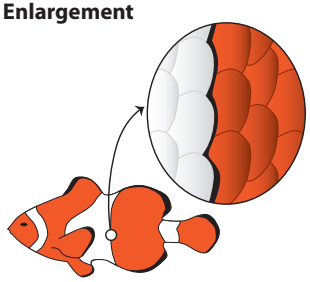

### Map



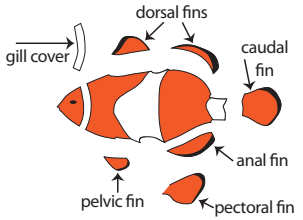

## Analytic Diagrams

- Expose fine details.
- Show size/shape of each part.
- Reveal hidden aspects.

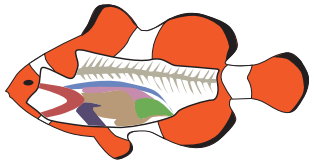
### Enlargement



### Exploded diagram



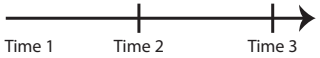

### Cutaway



## Process Diagrams

- Sequence events.
- Allot for time increments.
- Offer alternative pathways.

### Timeline




### Storyboard

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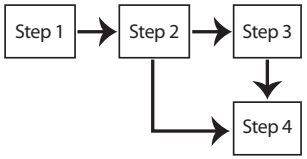
|---|---|---|
| *Event 1* | *Event 2* | *Event 3* |
| *Event 4* | *Event 5* | *Event 6* |

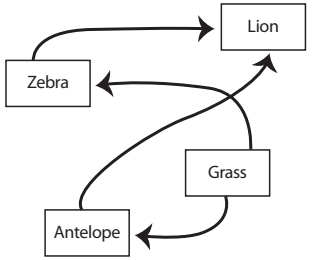
### Flowchart



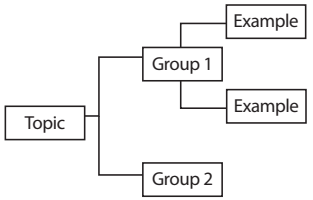

## Structure Diagrams

- Show relationships.
- Fit groups inside of groups.
- Note similarities/differences.

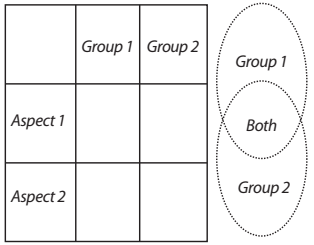
### Web diagram




### Tree diagram



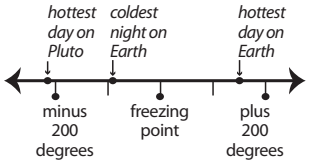

### Table & Venn diagram



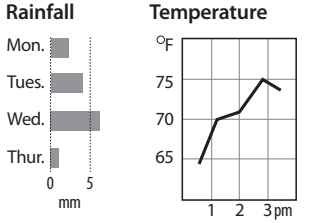

## Graphs (Numbers)

- Show measurement.
- Rank items by amount.
- Denote more or less.

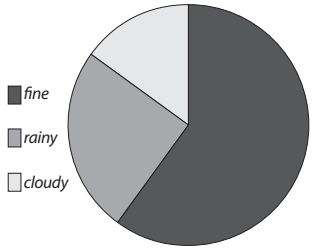
### Spectrum




### Bar & Line graphs




### Pie chart

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