

Identifying and Interpreting Diagrams

Identifying and interpreting diagrams is . . .
recognizing the features of a diagram and what they represent.

Identifying and interpreting diagrams is important because . . .
scientific texts often contain diagrams, and diagrams must be interpreted in specific ways.

I identify and interpret a diagram when I . . .
come across a diagram while reading a scientific text.



When I identify and interpret diagrams, I . . .

- stop when I see a visual representation.
- look for the features of a diagram (titles, captions, labels, and arrows).
- think about what the features are telling me:
 - What do the titles and captions tell me?
 - What do the labels tell me?
 - What do the arrows represent?