Busy Texts

Busy pages have lots of words and pictures in different places. It can be tricky to know what to look at first. Before reading, great readers notice:

- headings which tell the main ideas
- subheadings which sort information into smaller groups
- images, labels, captions and other interesting meaning helpers. These help readers to know more about the ideas before reading.

Examining what is on the page helps readers to work out what the ideas are mostly about. Then the text is usually read

from the top.