

Investigating a Creature: A Scientific Report Template

Learning objective: To write a non-chronological report using formal language, organisational devices, and precise scientific vocabulary.

Join Nova the owl on an expedition! Use this template to write a formal report about a creature you have researched. Ensure you use subheadings to organise your facts, maintain a formal tone, and include scientific terminology. Remember to check your spelling and punctuation as you write your final draft.

Word bank: habitat · nocturnal · adaptation · classification · ecosystem · characteristics · predator · prey · environment · remarkable

1. Introduction: State the name of the creature and provide a brief summary of why it is an interesting subject for study. (3 marks)

2. Physical Appearance: Describe the creature's size, colour, and special features that help it survive in its environment. (4 marks)

3. Habitat and Diet: Explain where the creature lives and what it typically eats. Include details about how it finds or hunts for food. (4 marks)

4. Behavioural Adaptations: Describe one or two special behaviours the creature has developed to stay safe or thrive. (3 marks)

5. Conclusion: Summarise the main findings of your report and offer a closing thought on why this creature is important to its ecosystem. (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Nova challenges you to add a 'Did You Know?' box to your report containing a fascinating, lesser-known fact about your creature. Can you also include a labelled diagram to support your written information?