

Year 4 English Assessment: Non-Chronological Reports

Learning objective: To identify and use the features of a non-chronological report about animals.

Read the short report below about Nova the owl. Use the word bank to help you answer the questions. Write your answers clearly on the lines provided.

The Barn Owl: A Night Hunter. Barn owls are silent hunters. They live in big barns or old trees. They have soft feathers that help them fly quietly. They eat small mice and voles. At night, they use their big eyes to see in the dark. Did you know they can turn their heads almost all the way around?

Word bank: heading · fact · sub-heading · paragraph · caption · diagram · introduction

1. 1. Look at the title 'The Barn Owl: A Night Hunter'. What is this feature called in a report? (1 mark)

2. 2. A non-chronological report tells us information. Is the text about the owl a fact or an opinion? Circle your answer: Fact / Opinion (1 mark)

3. 3. If you were writing a new section about what owls eat, what would you use to show the reader what the paragraph is about? (2 marks)

4. 4. Why do we use pictures or diagrams in a non-chronological report? Give one reason. (2 marks)

5. 5. Imagine you are writing a report about Pip the caterpillar. Write two sentences to introduce Pip. Use a capital letter at the start and a full stop at the end. (4 marks)

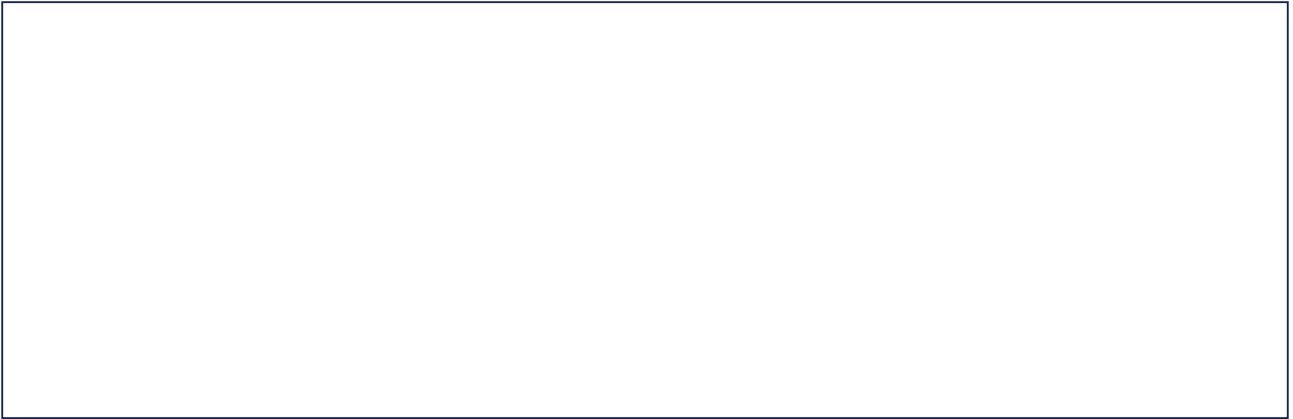
6. 6. Writing Task: Write a short paragraph (3-4 sentences) about where an animal lives. You could write about Max the monkey or Finn the dolphin. Remember to use a sub-heading. (5 marks)

7. 7. Why do we keep the information in a non-chronological report in different sections rather than all in one big block? (3 marks)

8. 8. Write one sentence that describes what a barn owl looks like. (3 marks)

9. 9. Why are non-chronological reports useful for learning about new things? (4 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a barn owl and add a caption underneath to explain what it is doing.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Challenge: Can you add a 'Did you know?' box to your report about Max or Finn?