

Fact-File Template: An Explorer's Guide to the Natural World

Learning objective: To organise information using non-chronological report features such as headings, subheadings, and bullet points.

Help Nova the owl gather research for her latest nature journal! Choose a fascinating animal, plant, or planet to research. Use the sections below to organise your facts clearly. Remember to use formal language, third-person pronouns, and present tense verbs. Keep your information objective and interesting for a reader who wants to learn something new.

Word bank: habitat · characteristics · diet · predator · ecosystem · classification · fascinating · nocturnal · adaptation · species

1. Introduction: Write a brief opening paragraph introducing your subject and explaining why it is an important part of the natural world. (3 marks)

2. Physical Appearance: Describe what your subject looks like. Use adjectives to detail size, colour, and special features. (3 marks)

3. Habitat and Diet: Where does your subject live? What does it eat and how does it find its food in the wild? (3 marks)

4. Amazing Adaptations: List three special skills or body parts that help your subject survive in its environment. (3 marks)

5. Did You Know?: Write one or two surprising facts that would amaze a reader, just like Nova the owl! (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Research a second subject and create a comparison table. How does your first subject differ from the second in terms of habitat and diet? Use a ruler to draw your table neatly.