

Non-Chronological Reports: The Explorer's Guide

Learning objective: To identify and understand the key features of a non-chronological report to support independent writing.

Use these flashcards to test your knowledge of non-chronological reports. Read the term or question on the front, then flip to check if you remember the definition or feature.

What is a non-chronological report?

A piece of writing that gives information about a specific topic without being written in time order.

What is the purpose of a heading?

It tells the reader the overall topic of the report.

What do sub-headings do?

They break the text into smaller sections and tell the reader what each paragraph is about.

True or False: Non-chronological reports use informal language like slang.

False. They usually use formal, objective language.

What is a 'fact'?

A piece of information that is true and can be proven.

What is the function of an introduction?

It introduces the topic and gives a brief summary to interest the reader.

Why do we use photos or diagrams with captions?

To provide visual information and explain what is happening in the image.

What is a 'fact box'?

A small box on the page that contains interesting or 'did you know' style facts about the topic.

Are non-chronological reports written in the past, present, or future tense?

They are usually written in the present tense because the facts are still true today.

Why is the layout important?

It makes the information easy to find and clear to read.

What is a glossary?

A list of tricky words and their meanings, usually found at the end of the report.

Max the monkey is writing a report about rainforests. Should he write it in order of what happened to him yesterday?

No, because non-chronological reports are not written in time order.