

Exploring the Magnificent Moon-Flower

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

Read the report about the Moon-Flower below. Use the information to answer the questions. Remember to look for sub-headings and technical vocabulary.

The Moon-Flower: A Night-Time Wonder

What is a Moon-Flower?

The Moon-Flower is a remarkable, nocturnal plant. Unlike most flowers that bloom in the sunshine, this plant only opens its petals when the sun has set. It is famous for its large, white, trumpet-shaped flowers that glow softly in the moonlight.

Where does it grow?

This plant thrives in tropical climates. It is often found climbing up trees or fences in warm, damp gardens. Because it is a climber, it needs plenty of space to stretch its vines towards the stars.

Why is it special?

The Moon-Flower is highly fragrant, releasing a sweet, heavy scent to attract moths. These moths help with pollination by carrying pollen from one flower to another. Because the flower is white, it is easy for nocturnal creatures to spot in the dark.

Did you know?

If you touch the petals, they feel as soft as silk. Some people say that if you whisper near the flower at midnight, it seems to shiver!

Word bank: nocturnal · nectar · fragrant · sub-heading · habitat · pollination

1. Using the text, list two features that make the Moon-Flower easy to see at night. (2 marks)

2. What is the purpose of the 'sub-headings' used in this report? (2 marks)

3. Explain why the Moon-Flower relies on moths rather than bees. Use evidence from the text. (2 marks)

4. Find and copy one word from the text that means 'active at night'. (1 mark)

5. Max the monkey thinks this report is missing a 'Did you know?' box. Is he correct? Explain your answer. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a Moon-Flower climbing a garden fence at night. Make sure to draw the white, trumpet-shaped petals and include a moth nearby.



Extension challenge: Nova the owl wants to write her own non-chronological report about a different plant. Choose a plant, create three sub-headings, and write one paragraph for each.