

Mastering Non-Chronological Reports with Max and Zara

Learning objective: To identify, structure, and compose the key features of a non-chronological report using formal, informative language.

Read the following questions carefully. Use your knowledge of report writing to explain the purpose of specific features and apply your skills to create informative content.

Max the monkey and Zara the zebra are researching the fascinating world of the African Savannah to write a detailed report. They need your expertise to ensure their writing is clear, professional, and easy for readers to follow.

Word bank: Subheadings · Formal tone · Fact boxes · Third person · Present tense · Classification · Captions · Objective

1. Explain why it is important for a non-chronological report to be written in the third person and the present tense. What might happen if a report were written in the first person using the past tense? (3 marks)

2. Max wants to include a 'Did you know?' section in his report. Justify why a fact box is a useful feature for the reader. (2 marks)

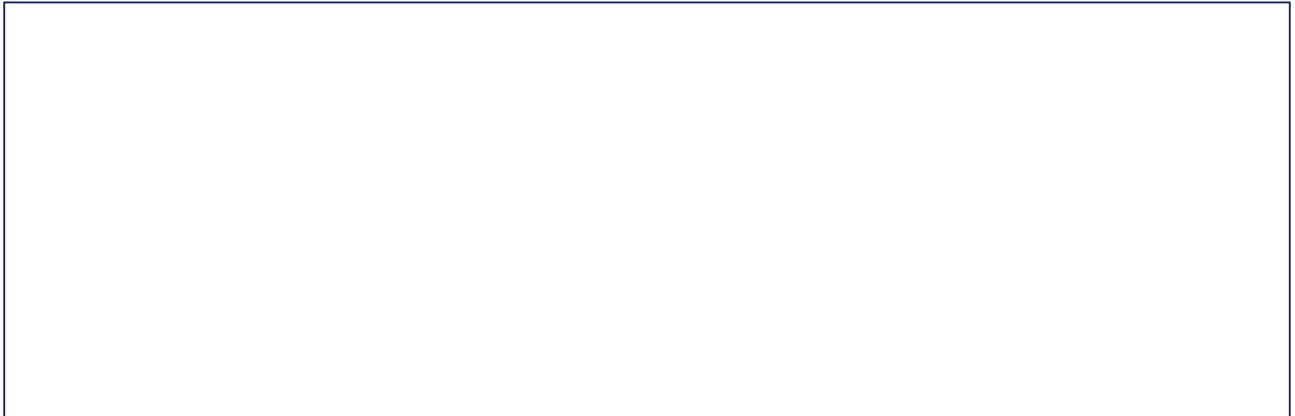
3. Zara is organising her report into sections. Compare and contrast the purpose of a title with the purpose of a subheading. (3 marks)

4. Create a formal, informative sentence that could appear under a subheading titled 'Diet and Nutrition'. Ensure you use subject-specific vocabulary. (2 marks)

5. If you were writing a report about a local park, suggest two labels for diagrams or images that would enhance the reader's understanding. (2 marks)

6. Critique this sentence: 'I think the lion is the coolest animal ever because he has a big mane.' How would you rewrite this to make it suitable for a non-chronological report? (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a layout for a non-chronological report page about a creature of your choice. Include a space for a main title, two subheadings, a central image with a caption, and a small sidebar for a 'Quick Fact' box.



Extension challenge: Choose an imaginary creature from the BookFlik universe (or a real animal) and draft a three-paragraph report. You must include a glossary of at least three technical terms to demonstrate your mastery of informative writing.