

Grade 3 Assessment: The Art of Non-Chronological Reports

Learning objective: To demonstrate understanding of the features, structure, and formal tone of a non-chronological report.

Read the following information carefully. Answer all questions in full sentences. Ensure your writing is formal and informative.

The Silver-Winged Night-Glider is a remarkable nocturnal creature found deep within the ancient Whispering Woods. These creatures are primarily herbivorous, feeding on silver-leaf ferns and glowing moon-berries. With a wingspan reaching up to 40 centimetres, they use their translucent wings to glide silently between the high canopy branches. Unlike other forest animals, the Night-Glider does not build a nest. Instead, they find hollowed-out tree trunks to rest during the day. Scientists observe that their silver-tipped fur helps them camouflage against the moonlight, providing protection from larger predators.

Word bank: Sub-headings · Formal tone · Third person · Classification · Factually accurate · Technical vocabulary · Present tense

1. Identify two features of a non-chronological report used in the passage above. (2 marks)

2. Explain why the author has chosen to write this report in the third person rather than using 'I' or 'we'. (2 marks)

3. List three facts about the Silver-Winged Night-Glider's diet and habitat. (3 marks)

4. Why is it important for a report to use technical vocabulary? Refer to the passage in your answer. (3 marks)

5. Compare and contrast the Night-Glider's sleeping habits with those of a typical bird. Justify your answer using evidence from the text. (4 marks)

6. What might happen if the Silver-Winged Night-Glider were to lose its silver-tipped fur? Explain the consequence. (3 marks)

7. Write a short paragraph (4-5 sentences) about a new, original creature using a sub-heading, the present tense, and formal language. (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a detailed sketch of the Silver-Winged Night-Glider in its natural habitat, including labels for three of its physical features.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Challenge: Imagine you are a researcher in the Whispering Woods. Write a formal 'Did You Know?' box to include in your report that uses a persuasive fact to encourage readers to protect the Night-Glider's environment.