

Reporting on the Wonders of the Natural World

Learning objective: To identify and use the structural features of a non-chronological report, including formal tone, subheadings, and clear organisation.

Max the monkey is writing a report about the habitat of the honeybee. Below is a list of report features. Sort these items into two categories: 'Essential Features of a Report' and 'Features Used in Other Writing Styles' (such as stories or diaries). Then, complete the questions below to help Max structure his work.

Word bank: Subheadings · First-person pronouns (I/me) · Factual statements · Emotional descriptions · Third-person perspective · Dialogue/Speech marks · Technical vocabulary · Conjunctions of time (Once upon a time)

1. Max wants to write a section about what bees eat. Suggest a clear, formal subheading he could use for this part of his report. (1 mark)

2. Why should Max avoid using words like 'I' or 'my' in his report? Explain the importance of a formal, objective tone. (2 marks)

3. Look at these two sentences. Which one is better for a non-chronological report? Explain your choice: A) 'The bees are super busy and look really cute flying around.' B) 'Honeybees play a vital role in pollination by collecting nectar from flowers.' (2 marks)

4. If Max is writing about how much it costs to set up a new hive (£150 for equipment and £45 for the colony), how should he present this information clearly? Suggest a layout. (2 marks)

5. Why is it important to use technical vocabulary (such as 'pollination' or 'colony') rather than simple words in a report? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a layout for a page of a non-chronological report about honeybees. Include a space for a title, a drawing of a bee with a caption, two subheadings, and a small table showing the costs of beekeeping equipment (£195 total).

Extension challenge: Choose an animal that Nova the owl has studied. Write a short paragraph (50-80 words) using a formal tone, one subheading, and at least two pieces of technical vocabulary to describe its diet or habitat.