

Year 5 English Assessment: Non-Chronological Reports

Learning objective: To identify, understand, and apply the features of a non-chronological report.

Read the text carefully and answer the questions below. Ensure you use full sentences where required. Write clearly and check your spellings.

The Moon-Gazing Owl: A Profile. By Nova the Owl. The Barn Owl (*Tyto alba*) is a fascinating nocturnal bird found across many parts of the United Kingdom. These birds are known for their distinctive heart-shaped faces and silent flight. Classification: The Barn Owl belongs to the Strigidae family. They are carnivores, feeding primarily on small mammals like field mice and voles. Habitat: Barn Owls live in open countryside, nesting in barns, hollow trees, and even abandoned buildings. They require large, grassy areas to hunt. Amazing Fact: Did you know that Barn Owls have asymmetrical ears? This allows them to pinpoint the exact location of prey by sound alone, even in total darkness!

Word bank: Subheading · Fact · Formal tone · Classification · Glossary · Diagram · Caption

1. Identify one structural feature used in the text that helps the reader find information quickly. Explain its purpose. (2 marks)

2. Based on the text, why is the Barn Owl considered a nocturnal creature? Use evidence from the passage. (2 marks)

3. What is the primary purpose of writing a non-chronological report? Is it to entertain, persuade, or inform? (2 marks)

4. Why do you think the author chose to include an 'Amazing Fact' section? How does this affect the reader? (3 marks)

5. Explain the difference between a 'fact' and an 'opinion'. Give one example of a fact from the text. (4 marks)

6. Imagine you are writing a report about a local forest. Write a short paragraph (4-6 sentences) about the trees found there. Use a sub-heading and ensure you maintain a formal tone. (5 marks)

7. If you were adding a diagram to Nova's report, what would you label to help the reader understand more about the owl? (2 marks)

8. Why is it important to use a glossary at the end of a long report? (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a labelled diagram of a Barn Owl that Nova might use in her report. Include at least three clear labels describing its physical features.



Extension challenge: Research a woodland creature of your choice. Write a 100-word non-chronological report using at least two sub-headings and one bulleted list. Total: /25