

Reporting on the Rainforest: A Field Guide

Learning objective: To identify and use the features of a non-chronological report, including layout, subheadings, and technical vocabulary.

Use your knowledge of report writing to help Finn the dolphin create a field guide about a rainforest habitat. Follow the drawing prompt to build your report, then use the labels to identify key features.

Draw: Create a layout for a non-chronological report on an A4 sheet. Include: 1. A bold title at the top. 2. A large box in the centre for a detailed diagram of a toucan or a giant fern, drawn in a neat, scientific style. 3. Space for two paragraphs of text below the diagram. 4. A small 'Did you know?' box in the corner for a fun fact. Use clear lines and leave plenty of white space so it looks like a professional page from a field guide.



Label words: Subheading · Caption · Fact · Diagram · Habitat · Canopy · Introduction · Classification

Steps:

1. Draw a clear subheading at the top of your page that tells the reader what the report is about.
2. Draw a diagram of a rainforest plant or animal in the centre of your page. Label two parts of your drawing using arrows.
3. Write a short caption underneath your diagram that explains one interesting fact about your creature or plant.

4. Think of an 'Introduction' paragraph. Write one sentence that explains what a rainforest is.
5. Why do we use subheadings in a non-chronological report? Explain in your own words.