

Reporting on the Rainforest: An Investigative Drawing Task

Learning objective: To identify and illustrate the key structural features of a non-chronological report through visual synthesis.

Follow the drawing prompts below to create a visual report of a rainforest habitat. Use the word bank to label your diagram accurately, ensuring your labels demonstrate the technical vocabulary required for formal report writing.

Draw: Create a detailed, scientific-style diagram of a tropical rainforest. Use a clean, educational layout style similar to a textbook page. Include a central image of a tree, a sidebar for a 'Fact Box', a clear space for a 'Sub-heading' at the top, and a designated box at the bottom for a 'Captioned Image'. Use neat, straight lines to lead your labels from the diagram to the text.



Label words: Sub-heading · Technical Vocabulary · Captioned Image · Introduction · Fact Box · Classification · Formal Tone

Steps:

1. Step 1: Draw a large, central illustration of a rainforest canopy. Add a border around it to create a 'Fact Box' area. How does the inclusion of a fact box help the reader process information more efficiently?

2. Step 2: Add a sub-heading above your drawing. Explain why sub-headings are essential for organising information in a non-chronological report.
3. Step 3: Label a specific animal or plant in your drawing using a piece of 'Technical Vocabulary'. Why is it important to use precise, subject-specific language rather than general descriptions?
4. Step 4: Create a small 'Captioned Image' box at the bottom. Justify why images in a report must be accompanied by a caption.
5. Step 5: Write a short introductory sentence in the top corner that defines the habitat. Why is the introduction the most important part of the report structure?
6. Step 6: What might happen to the clarity of your report if you removed all the sub-headings and diagrams? Explain your reasoning.