

Investigative Report: The Wonders of Our Natural World

Learning objective: To write a formal non-chronological report using technical vocabulary, organisational devices, and objective tone.

Follow the structure below to create a detailed report. Use formal, third-person language. Focus on facts, clear headings, and precise adjectives. Ensure you use sub-headings to group your information logically for the reader.

Word bank: significant · characteristics · habitat · fascinating · consequently · furthermore · classification · observation · adaptation · remarkable

1. Introduction: Define your subject and state why it is important to study. Include a brief summary of its primary classification. (3 marks)

2. Physical Appearance: Describe the subject's key features. Explain why these features are essential for its survival. (4 marks)

3. Habitat and Diet: Explain where the subject lives and justify how its environment supports its nutritional needs. (3 marks)

4. Behavioural Traits: Describe one fascinating behaviour the subject exhibits. Explain why this behaviour might be an evolutionary advantage. (4 marks)

5. Comparison: Compare and contrast your subject with another similar organism. What are the key similarities and differences? (4 marks)

6. Conclusion: Summarise the main findings of your report. What might happen if this subject's environment were to change significantly? (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are presenting your findings to Nova the owl. Write a short paragraph justifying why your subject is the most important creature in the ecosystem. Then, create a 'Did You Know?' fact box that uses a challenging mathematical statistic related to your subject (e.g., speed, size, or population) involving pounds or measurements.