

Reporting on the Wonders of the Natural World with Nova

Learning objective: To structure a non-chronological report using formal language, subject-specific vocabulary, and clear organisation.

Use this scaffold to help you draft a non-chronological report about a fascinating animal or natural phenomenon. Ensure you use a formal tone, third-person perspective, and include subheadings to organise your facts clearly.

The magnificent Golden-Crested Eagle is a creature of immense power and grace, primarily found soaring above the rugged peaks of the Northern Highlands.

Word bank: furthermore · consequently · in addition · notably · however · subsequently · characteristic · habitat · species · classification · predominantly

1. Introduction: Define your subject clearly. What is it, and where might a curious reader find it? Start your paragraph with: 'The [Subject Name] is a remarkable example of...' (2 marks)

2. Appearance and Characteristics: Describe the physical features of your subject. Use formal adjectives to explain why these features are useful. Start with: 'Physically, the [Subject Name] possesses...' (3 marks)

3. Habitat and Diet: Explain where the subject lives and what it consumes to survive. How does it fit into its ecosystem? Start with: 'In its natural environment, the [Subject Name] typically thrives in...' (3 marks)

4. Fascinating Facts: Include a 'Did you know?' style section using sophisticated vocabulary. Start with: 'It is particularly interesting to note that...' (2 marks)

5. Explain why your chosen subject is essential to the health of its ecosystem. What might happen if this species were to disappear from its habitat? (4 marks)

6. Justify your answer: If you were tasked with protecting this species, which two specific actions would you prioritise and why? (4 marks)

Extension challenge: Compare and contrast your chosen subject with a different creature from a polar opposite climate. Write a short paragraph explaining how their physical adaptations differ to suit their unique environments. Use the phrase 'In contrast to...' to begin your comparison.