

Year 6 Assessment: Non-Chronological Report Writing

Learning objective: To demonstrate understanding of the structural and linguistic features of a non-chronological report.

Read the information carefully and answer all questions. Ensure you use formal language and clear explanations.

The African Elephant (*Loxodonta africana*) is the largest land mammal on Earth. These majestic creatures are known for their incredible memory and social intelligence. Living in complex family herds, they communicate using low-frequency sounds that can travel for miles. Their trunks are highly versatile, used for breathing, smelling, touching, and grasping objects. Due to habitat loss, conservation efforts are vital to protect these animals in the wild.

Word bank: sub-headings · third person · present tense · technical vocabulary · formal tone · impersonal

1. Identify two linguistic features used in the passage above that are characteristic of a non-chronological report. (2 marks)

2. Why is it important for a non-chronological report to be written in the third person rather than the first person? (2 marks)

3. Explain the purpose of using sub-headings in a report about a specific animal or habitat. (3 marks)

4. Max the monkey is writing a report about rainforests. He wants to include a caption for an image. Write an example of a formal, informative caption for a photo of a canopy layer. (3 marks)

5. Why is the use of technical vocabulary important in a formal report? Give an example from the passage provided. (3 marks)

6. Nova the owl is researching the stars. Write a short paragraph (4-6 sentences) suitable for a non-chronological report about a specific star or constellation. Ensure you use a formal tone and present tense. (5 marks)

7. If a research book costs £12.50 and a set of fact cards costs £4.75, calculate the total cost for the school library to purchase three books and two sets of cards. (7 marks)

Draw: Draw a labelled diagram that could accompany a non-chronological report about an animal or plant. Include at least three clear, scientific labels.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Extension: Research a topic of your choice and draft a sub-heading and one paragraph of information, ensuring you use at least two pieces of technical vocabulary.