

Investigative Report: The Wonders of Our Natural World

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

Follow the template below to create your own report. Use formal language, avoid contractions (like 'don't' or 'it's'), and ensure your facts are organised under clear subheadings. You might choose to write about a species Bea the honeybee has studied, or an ocean habitat Finn the dolphin has explored.

Word bank: habitat · characteristics · ecosystem · predator · prey · adaptations · classification · significant · environment · fascinating

1. Introduction: State the subject of your report and provide a general overview of why this topic is important or interesting. (Include 3-5 lines) (2 marks)

2. Physical Features: Describe the appearance of your subject. Use precise nouns and adjectives to explain how their body is built to survive. (Include 3-5 lines) (3 marks)

3. Habitat and Diet: Explain where your subject lives and what it eats. Use geographical terms or food chain vocabulary. (Include 3-5 lines) (3 marks)

4. Fascinating Facts: Provide three bullet-pointed facts that would surprise a reader. Use a formal tone. (Include 3-5 lines) (2 marks)

5. Conclusion: Summarise the current status of your subject. Is it endangered? How can we help protect it? (Include 3-5 lines) (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Add a glossary at the bottom of your report to define three of the technical terms you used. Try to include a diagram with labels to explain one of the 'Physical Features' you described.