Exploring the World of Woodland Owls

Learning objective: To identify and understand the features of a non-chronological report.

Read the report below about Nova's favourite subject, the Tawny Owl. Use the information to answer the questions about how non-chronological reports are organised.

The Tawny Owl: A Woodland Hunter. Introduction: The Tawny Owl is a fascinating bird that lives in woodlands across the UK. It is known for its hooting call and its ability to hunt in the dark. Appearance: These owls have rounded wings and a short tail. Their feathers are a mixture of brown and white, which helps them hide against tree bark. They have large, dark eyes that are perfect for seeing at night. Diet: Tawny Owls are carnivores. They mostly eat small mammals like mice and voles. Sometimes, they also eat earthworms or beetles. Did you know? A group of owls is called a parliament!

Word bank: heading · sub-heading · fact · caption · photograph · introduction

1. What is the purpose of a sub-heading in a non-chronological report? Give an example from the text. (2 marks)

2. List two physical features of a Tawny Owl mentioned in the 'Appearance' section. (2 marks)

3. Why do you think the author included a 'Did you know?' section at the end? (2 marks)

4. Is this text a story or a report? Give one reason for your choice. (2 marks)

5. Find and copy one fact from the text about what Tawny Owls eat. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of a Tawny Owl sitting on a tree branch. Add a caption underneath your drawing to explain what the owl is doing.

Extension challenge: Nova the owl wants to write a new section for this report called 'Habitat'. Write three sentences describing where a Tawny Owl might build its nest.