Exploring Non-Chronological Reports with Max the Monkey

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

Read the questions below carefully. Max the Monkey needs your help to organise his facts about the rainforest. Use your knowledge of report writing to answer each section.

Max the Monkey is writing a non-chronological report about the rainforest. He has all his facts, but he needs to make sure he uses the correct features to help his readers learn. Remember, a non-chronological report gives information about a topic and does not need to be written in time order.

Word bank: Subheading · Fact · Heading · Introduction · Paragraph · Diagram · Caption

1. What is the purpose of a subheading in a non-chronological report? Give one reason. (2 marks)

2. Max wants to include a picture of a tree frog. What should he write underneath the picture to explain what it is? (1 mark)

3. Why do we use formal language instead of informal language when writing a report? (2 marks)

4. Look at these two sentences. Which one is a fact suitable for a report? Explain why.
A) I think monkeys are the funniest animals in the world.
B) Monkeys are mammals that live in trees and eat fruit. (2 marks)

5. If you were writing a report about 'The Rainforest', list two potential subheadings you could use. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a layout for a non-chronological report page. Include a main heading, a box for a picture with a caption, and two subheadings where you would place your paragraphs.

Extension challenge: Choose an animal you like. Write a short introduction paragraph (3-4 sentences) that would appear at the start of a non-chronological report about that animal.