Designing a Non-Chronological Report: The Mythical Forest Creature

Learning objective: To understand the structure and features of a non-chronological report by creating a visual planning sheet for a fictional creature.

Use this sheet to plan your own non-chronological report. In the box provided, draw your chosen creature. Around your drawing, use the labels from the word bank to point to specific parts of your creature that you will describe in your report. Finally, answer the questions to help you structure your writing.

Draw: In the centre of your page, draw a detailed, original creature that might live in a hidden forest. Use a clear, scientific illustration style—like a field guide sketch. Include annotations pointing to different parts of the creature, such as its wings, camouflage patterns, or unique sensory organs. Ensure there is plenty of white space around the creature for you to write your report's subheadings later.

Label words: Habitat · Dietary requirements · Physical appearance · Unique behaviours · Life cycle · Conservation status

Steps:

1. Identify three non-fiction features (e.g., subheadings) you must include in your final written report.
2. Why is it important to use a 'General Classification' sentence in your introduction?

3. Look at your drawing. Write a short caption (one sentence) that could go underneath an image of your creature.

4. Which subheadings would you use to organise the information about your creature? List three examples.

5. Why do we use technical vocabulary in a non-chronological report?