


Non chronological reports

Lesson 3: Planning the report

Habitats – Polar bears in the Arctic

Introduction

A habitat is a place where animals live. The Arctic is a very cold place but it is home to lots of different animals. Animals that live in the Arctic need to have special adaptations so they can survive.



How are animals adapted to their habitats?

Remarkable adaptations allow polar bears to live in the frozen Arctic. For example, polar bears have thick, white fur to both keep them warm and to camouflage them against the snowy background. Their paws are large so that they do not sink into the snow. Also, they produce an oily liquid to stop their body sticking to the ice. They have an excellent sense of smell and are strong swimmers to help them hunt and catch prey. Polar bears have been spotted up to 60 miles from shore.

Polar bears are the largest living land carnivores, feeding mainly on seals and walrus. They have strong, powerful jaws filled with sharp teeth. This allows them to tear the flesh off their prey.

Male polar bears can grow up to 10 feet and weigh up to 450kg. Females can reach 7 feet and weigh between 150kg and 250kg. In the wild, polar bears can live up to 25 years of age.

Did you know?

Despite the fact that they live in the Arctic, polar bears are still under threat. Humans are the only predator of polar bears and their numbers are under threat from hunting. Humans kill polar bears primarily for food and their fur.

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Thursday 2nd July 2020

Word of the Day

prestigious

adjective

- *inspiring respect and admiration; having high status.*

In the text

With its honorable and **prestigious** characteristics, ...

Antonyms

unimportant, insignificant, ordinary

Synonyms

reputable, distinguished, respected

In another sentence

Mr Barr was promoted to a more **prestigious** position at work because of his hard work and commitment.

SPaG starter – Alan Peat

Conclusion:

Becoming endangered- humans poaching, war and destruction of habitats 600 mountain gorillas left in world.

- ✓ Using some of this information, write a the more, the more Alan Peat sentence.
- ✓ Now try writing a de: de sentence.

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SPaG starter - my example

Conclusion:

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The more humans poach gorillas and destroy their habitats, the more they are becoming endangered.

There are only 600 mountain gorillas left in the world: humans are poaching them and are destroying their habitats.

SPaG starter – relative clauses

Conclusion:

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Use some of this information to make a relative clause.

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SPaG starter - my example

Conclusion:

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Increasingly, mountain gorillas are becoming more endangered because of humans, **who are poaching them and destroying their habitats**, and sadly there are now only 600 left in the world.

LO: To plan a Non-Chronological
Report

Reminder of the WAGOLL

The barn owl – which is one of the most popular birds in Britain – is now extremely rare.

The bird favours open habitats such as: open grasslands; thick hedgerows; the edges of fields or woodlands; stubble fields; drainage ditches and farmyard buildings.

The barn owl is a carnivore and hunts for its favourite diet of small mammals and birds. It usually flies slowly back and forth (about three metres above the ground), using its large eyes and sensitive hearing to spot likely prey. If suitable perches, such as fence posts, are available, the bird may save energy by hunting from these. Once it has swooped silently down, a hooked beak tears into the victim. Food is often swallowed whole; the indigestible parts, such as the bones and fur, are regurgitated in the form of pellets – a torpedo shaped, furry object.

When seen in flight, the general impression is of a large white bird. However, the upper parts are a beautiful golden buff colour, delicately marked in varying shades of buff and grey. It is only the face, breast and undersides that are mostly white. After choosing a suitable hole in a tree or a ledge in an old building, the female barn owl lays between four and seven eggs in April each year. The owlets are fully developed once they are ten weeks old and leave the nest after about fourteen weeks, by which time they must be able to survive alone. Alarming, as many as one in four young barn owls die within a year for a variety of different reasons.

Sadly, the number of barn owls in Britain is decreasing. There are now fewer habitats where they can find mice, voles and other prey. In some areas, owls cannot lay proper eggs: they have been affected by chemicals sprayed on the land. This means that they cannot breed and increase their numbers. In addition, many birds have been killed accidentally as they fly across major roads and motorways.

The barn owl is one of nature's most graceful hunters. Many organisations in Britain, (such as the Barn Owl Trust in the South West) are working towards their conservation.

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We would like you to write a report
about...



A jaguar



A sloth



A Scarlett Macaw

Or a rainforest animal of your
choice.

Structure of your report

- Introduction
- Description / appearance
- Diet
- Habitat
- Behaviour
- Conclusion



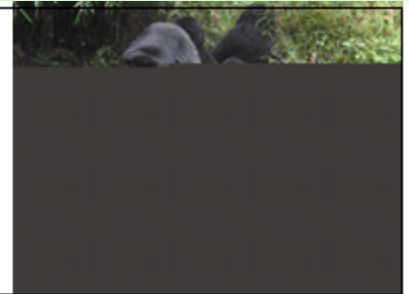
Don't forget to think about:

- *Third person*
- *Present tense*
- *Modal verbs*
- *Conjunctions*
- *Pronouns and synonyms*
- *Adverbs and adverbials*
- *Expanded noun phrases*
- *Relative clauses*
- *Rhetorical questions*

Example of a plan

The Gorilla

Introduction: dwell in tropical Africa - Rwanda. the largest of the living primates and the last member of the ape family. the fully adult male mountain gorilla - twice as large as female. Live 35-40 years. Future is under threat



Description	Diet	Habitat	Behaviour
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Huge • Thick trunk • Thick black hair- keep warm in cold • Broad chest & shoulders • Large head • Shiny black • Muscle • Up to 6 feet • Hands to explore and investigate • arms are longer than the stubby legs • Males crest of fur on head • Age 12/13- males silver stripe <p><u>Openers</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young- mothers milk • Need a lot of food • Vegetarian- herbivores • Variety of plants • Wild celery • Bamboo • Thistles • Stinging nettles <p><u>Openers</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dense forests • Woodland • Africa • 10,000 feet up • Influenced by food • Cloudy, misty and cold • Rulers of forest • Live in groups of 30 <p><u>Openers</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nest in trees • Sight, smell and ears • Family relationships • Gentle and placid- few natural predators • Silverback is leader- silver stripe on back • Groom one another • Play and graze • No trouble unless threatened • Beat chest and grunt • Mother fight to death for young • Shy but strong <p><u>Openers</u></p>
		<p>Conclusion: Becoming endangered- humans poaching, war and destruction of habitats. 600 mountain gorillas left in world.</p>	

Bullet point notes from your research under each heading

Note taking

When researching, remember to identify the key fact in words or a phrase and record this only.

DO NOT copy whole sentences. You will need to turn the facts you find into your own words tomorrow.

Research for the Jaguar, Sloth and Scarlett Macaw has been provided for you on the website/ in your paper pack.

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Features you need to think about
and plan how to include in your
writing tomorrow.

	Heading		Expanded noun phrases
	Sub-heading		Modal verbs
	Technical vocabulary		Present tense
	Relative clauses		Conjunctive adverbs
	3 rd person		Commas to mark clauses
	Parenthesis		
	Facts and figures		

Vocabulary to help whilst planning

Verbs	Adverbs	adjectives
Intimidating	Throughout	Vast
Protecting	During	Intimidating
Grooming	Astonishingly	Thick
Fighting	Sometimes	Dense
Exploring	Sadly	Placid
Investigating	Unfortunately	Few
Ruling	Commonly	Elegant
Living	Mainly	Famous
Dwelling	At the age of...	Loud and menacing
Inhabiting	Surprisingly	Powerful
Resembling	Aggressively	Unique, natural
Roaming	Usually	
Stalking	Powerfully	
Preferring	Typically	
Hanging	Approximately	
Incubating	Predominately	

Conjunctions	
Because of	Similar to
Once	Unlike
Despite	Destruction
Even though	Unless
After	
If	
When	
Although	
As	

Year 5 & 6 spellings to try and include if appropriate

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| ✓ accommodate | ✓ determined | ✓ identity | ✓ recommend |
| ✓ accompany | ✓ develop | ✓ immediately | ✓ relevant |
| ✓ according | ✓ disastrous | ✓ individual | ✓ sacrifice |
| ✓ achieve | ✓ embarrass | ✓ interfere | ✓ sincere |
| ✓ aggressive | ✓ environment | ✓ interrupt | ✓ sincerely |
| ✓ apparent | ✓ equipment | ✓ marvellous | ✓ stomach |
| ✓ appreciate | ✓ especially | ✓ mischievous | ✓ sufficient |
| ✓ attached | ✓ excellent | ✓ muscle | ✓ suggest |
| ✓ available | ✓ existence | ✓ necessary | ✓ temperature |
| ✓ average | ✓ explanation | ✓ nuisance | ✓ thorough |
| ✓ communicate | ✓ familiar | ✓ occupy | ✓ variety |
| ✓ competition | ✓ forty | ✓ occur | ✓ vegetable |
| ✓ curiosity | ✓ frequently | ✓ opportunity | |
| ✓ definite | ✓ guarantee | ✓ persuade | |
| ✓ desperate | ✓ hindrance | ✓ recognise | |