


Non chronological reports

Lesson 4: Writing 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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Synonyms:

cannibalistic

flesh-eating

omophagous

The sea-leopard, the only predacious member of the seal family, has an elongated agile body and a large head with massive jaws.

SPaG starter - expanded noun phrase

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Have a go at writing an expanded noun phrase using some of the information here.

Remember an expanded noun phrase gives more information about the noun.

SPaG starter - my example

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Have a go at writing some sentences including modal verbs using this information

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At approximately the age of 12 or 13, male gorillas **will** develop a silver stripe on their back.

Gorillas **can** grow up to 6 feet tall.

Luckily, gorillas have thick black hair which **should** keep them warm in the cold winter months.

LO: To write a Non-Chronological report

Use your plan from yesterday to write your report. Before you begin, look carefully at the success criteria on the next slide.

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

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Openers

Diet

- Young- mothers milk
- Need a lot of food
- Vegetarian- herbivores
- Variety of plants
- Wild celery
- Bamboo
- Thistles
- Stinging nettles

Openers

Habitat

- Dense forests
- Woodland
- Africa
- 10,000 feet up
- Influenced by food
- Cloudy, misty and cold
- Rulers of forest
- Live in groups of 30

Openers

Behaviour
















- 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

Openers

Conclusion:

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

Success criteria for Non-Chronological reports

 Mild	Main Heading	 Mild	Conjunctive adverbs
 Mild	Sub-headings	 Mild	Relative clauses
 Mild	Technical vocabulary	 Spicy	Parenthesis
 Mild	Present tense	 Spicy	Expanded noun phrases
 Mild	3 rd person	 Spicy	Modal verbs
 Mild	Facts and figures	 Hot	Semi-colons for descriptive lists
 Mild	Commas to mark clauses	 Hot	De: De sentence
		 Hot	Hyphenated word

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 | |

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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	

Modal verbs

A modal verb is a type of verb that is used to indicate modality – that is the likelihood of something happening or the certainty that something will occur.

These can express meanings such as **certainty**, **ability**, **possibility** or **obligation**.

can	could	will
would	may	might
shall	should	must

Relative clauses

Relative clauses are clauses starting with the relative pronouns who, that, which, whose, where, when. They are most often used to define or identify the noun that precedes them.

Facts and Figures

These are used to make the description precise or factual.

Expanded noun phrases

An expanded noun phrase is a phrase made up of a noun and at least one adjective. If one or more adjectives are listed to describe the noun, a comma should be added to separate the sentence.

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








Adverbs

Uplevel your vocabulary by using a thesaurus or choose from the list below.

swiftly	energetically	rapidly
viciously	gracefully	menacingly
ferociously	elegantly	hungrily

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Read through your work and check: have you met all of the success criteria for the challenge you set yourself?

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Edit your work

From my work:

They can reach up to six feet in length and up to three feet tall at the shoulder.

I could make this better by including more information in a relative clause and by making my sentence opener more interesting.

Reaching up to six feet in length, which is measured from their nose to the tip of their tail, the Jaguars can also reach up to three feet tall at the shoulder making them incredibly powerful creatures.