

Literacy Unit - Non-Chronological Reports

Literacy this week will be slightly different as rather than a 'cold write' and a 'hot write', it will be a week leading up to creating your own non-chronological reports. It is up to you if you would like to follow the day-by-day plan or work at your own pace to create the final piece.

It will probably be easier to look through the planned lessons to understand what the end result should turn out like, even if it suits you better to work to the end result in your own way/time.

The final piece of work will be a non-chronological report about aliens. This could include the sub-headings below:

- What do they eat?
- What do they drink?
- What language do they speak?
- How long do they live for?
- What do they do for fun? Do they play any games?
- What do they look like?
- What do they wear?

Use your imaginations to decide about the aliens!

Lesson 1 Tuesday 19th May:

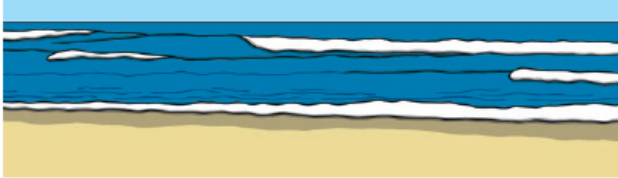
Investigate what a non-chronological report is. You can have a look at the 3 examples I have attached or you can research your own. The main objective of this lesson is just to understand what a non-chronological report actually is.

Points to discuss while looking at examples:

- What is the subject area that the report is about?
- Where are headings/sub-headings?
- Is there an introduction?
- Is the information presented in fact boxes or using bullet points?
- Do you find the language used technical and formal?

Beach Habitat

Habitats are environments that plants and animals live in. Habitats provide animals and plants with three important things: food, water and shelter.



Types of Coastal Habitats

- beaches
- sand dunes
- rocky shores
- cliffs
- muddy estuaries
- seaside towns and cities

What You Might Find in a Beach Habitat?

Beaches are important habitats for many animals and plants, including:

Mammals – harbour (common) seals, grey seals, harbour porpoise and otters;

Birds – oystercatchers, puffins, guillemots, curlews and seagulls;

Minibeasts – mussels, shore crabs, hermit crabs, shrimp, prawns, starfish, common whelks, dog whelks and razor shells;

Plants – seaweed, sea holly, marram and sea lettuce.



How Are the Creatures Suited to Live Here?

Oystercatchers have long, strong, flattened, red bills which they use to break open cockles, mussels and other shellfish to eat. Puffins use their wings to help them swim and dive for fish. Harbour seals can hold their breath for up to 10 minutes. Otters have webbed feet which help them swim well and they use their tails to propel, steer themselves and to balance.

What Could We Do to Help Look after Our Beaches?

We need to keep a safe distance away from animals. We also need to leave the shells at the beach instead of taking them away. We should take our litter home to put in the bin. We should also take photos of plants and flowers instead of picking them.



Hedgehogs



Hedgehogs can be found almost everywhere in the UK. They live in cities and towns, and can be found on railway land, parks and gardens. They do not live on mountainsides because there is not much food for them and there are not many places for them to nest.

What do they look like?

Hedgehogs are small, spiky animals. Their babies are called hoglets. Adult hedgehogs have long spines along their backs and sides, but not on their faces or legs. Some hedgehogs can have up to seven thousand spines!

What do they eat?

Hedgehogs are often called the Gardener's Friend because they eat the slugs that eat plants and cause damage to the garden. Gardeners are usually pleased to see a hedgehog.

If you want a hedgehog to visit your garden, you could leave a small saucer of cat or dog food out as they like the meat. Make sure that you leave a saucer of water out too, especially in the summer months.



No milk for hedgehogs!

Milk makes hedgehogs very poorly so don't leave it out for them.

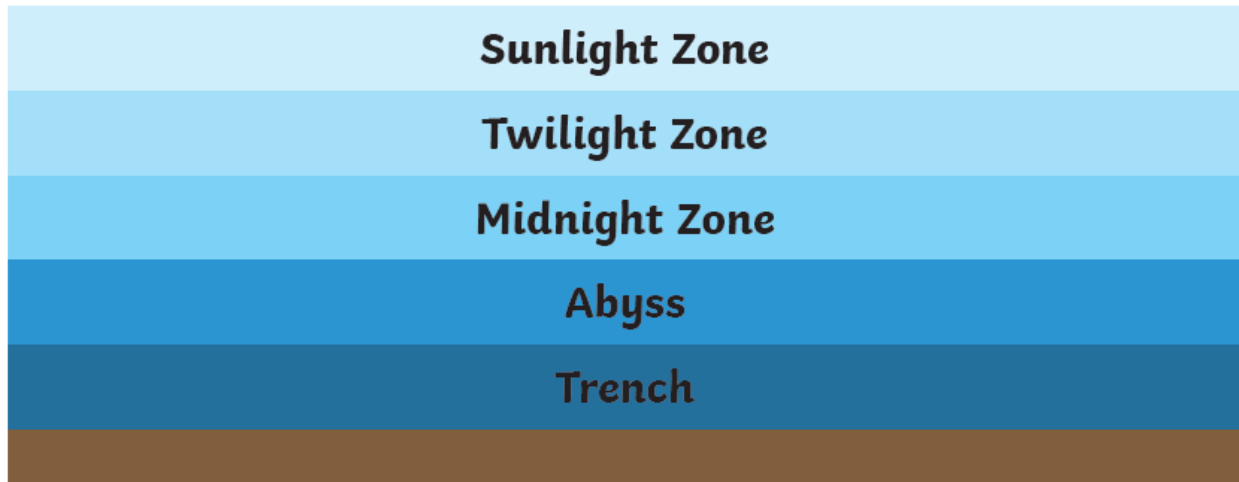
Hedgehog Habits

Hedgehogs visit a lot of gardens. You could have as many as 10 different hedgehogs passing through your garden! They are very nosy animals, and sometimes need rescuing from getting their heads stuck in empty yoghurt pots, tins and plastic cups.

The Layers of the Ocean

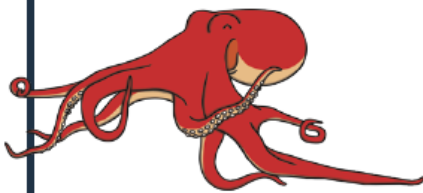
Ocean Layers

There are five layers of the ocean. Read on to find out how they are all different...



The Sunlight Zone

- Sunlight can reach this layer.
- The water is **warm**.
- **Lots** of animals and plants live here.
- You can swim here.

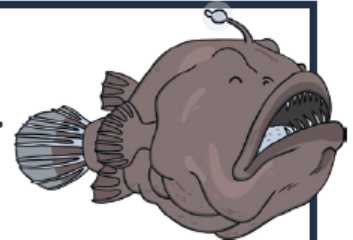


The Twilight Zone

- Sunlight can't get to this layer so it is very dark.
- Animals that live here have big eyes.

The Midnight Zone

- No sunlight can get to this layer so it is black.
- Animals that live here make their own light.



Lesson 2 Wednesday 20th May:

- Listen to the story Dr Xargle's Book of Earthlets (I will record myself reading this on YouTube so the children can listen to it on Wednesday).
- Pretend you have built a rocket ship and travelled into space. Imagine what you would see, imagine what the aliens are doing and what they look like.
- Draw a picture of an alien and write around the picture (possibly as a spider diagram) what you think aliens look like and what they do. You can't be wrong here - be as imaginative as you wish!

Lesson 3 Thursday 21st May/ Lesson 4 Friday 22nd May

Time to start creating your own report!

Over the next 2 lessons you can use your time to put together your own non-chronological report about aliens. I have created my own report which is on the next page to help you understand what to do. I wanted to give you time over 2 lessons for this as it takes a long time to create the template and decide where you want everything to go.

As stated previously, your non-chronological report could include the sub-headings below:

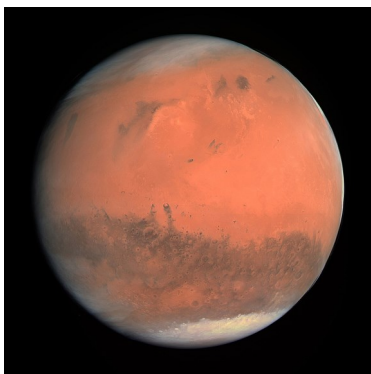
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Aliens on Mars

On the planet Mars there are secret aliens living there. It is not known whether there are aliens living on every planet though.

What do they look like?

The aliens on planet mars are green with scales. They have 3 eyes and yellow freckles on their cheeks. They only have 3 fingers on each arm but still look very friendly.



Where do they live?

They live on the planet Mars and hide in craters so that people can't find them unless they look really hard.

What do they eat?

The aliens eat icy dirt snapped into the shape of chips which gives them the perfect amount of nutrients they need to survive

What language do they speak?

They speak goggleblob language which you can only understand if you're an alien.

FUN FACT!

The aliens have x-ray vision and can hear up to 100 miles away!