

Features of a non-chronological report:

Introduction -
What is the report about?

Sub-headings -
Separate your information.

Main information -
Facts about your topic.

Present Tense -
Imagine it is happening now.

Third Person -
Use he, she, it, etc.

Pictures/Diagrams -
What does it look like?

So, we have written the introduction, today we are going to look at the subheadings and the main information. (Don't worry if you haven't written the introduction, you can move straight on to today's work)

First, look at the information you collected Monday (or the information sheet at the end of this) and think about what sections you may put the information into.

Possible ideas - what do they eat? Where do they live? Threats

Before you group your information, have a go at this exercise - can you colour code the facts according to the headings?

What do elephants eat - green

Where do they live? - blue

What do they look like? - red

How do elephants behave? Orange

Change the colours if you need to, to match what you have.

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Both male and female African elephants have tusks but Asian female elephants either have rudimentary tusks or no tusks at all while male Asian elephants only sometimes have tusks.

Elephants are grey in colour and have a long trunk that has several uses, including breathing and feeding.

Elephants consume grasses, small plants, bushes, fruit, twigs, tree bark, and roots.

Elephants are known as *pachyderms* along with hippos and rhinos. The name is derived from the Latin words for "thick" ("pachy") and "skin" ("derm") and means, quite literally, "thick-skin."

Elephants are herbivores.

Male elephants are mostly solitary.

Elephants live in two different continents, in Asia and in Africa.

In one zoo the Indian elephants were seen eating Christmas trees!

Nearly 80% of an elephant's day is spent feeding.

Elephants are the largest land mammals on earth.

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Now take coloured pencils and underline each fact in your information, according to what group they fit it. For example all facts to do with their diet, underline green.

When you have done this, decide upon a subheading for each section.

You may choose simple subheadings:

A shark's diet

Where seals live

You may choose to use questions:

What do sharks eat?

Where do seals live?

Or you may choose something a little different:

Dinner time!

Home sweet home!

When you have chosen your subheadings, write them down ready to start writing your main body tomorrow.

Sea turtle facts

- Sea turtles live a long time - up to approximately 50 years
- They have roamed the Earth for the last 110 million years
- They eat jellyfish
- Sea turtle population is getting smaller - thousands caught in fishing gear each year, beaches disappearing, people hunt them for their eggs, meat and shells.
- They live all over the world such as cold waters of California, to warm beaches of the Coral triangle
- Males never leave the ocean
- Females come ashore to lay their eggs
- They eat seaweed
- They travel thousands of miles in their lifetime
- They eat squid sponges and sea anemones
- They lay between 2 and 6 groups of eggs - each time laying 65 to 180 eggs
- They eat sea grasses
- Most sea turtles have hard shells - the leatherback turtle has a softer shell which is more like leather.
- There are 7 different types of sea turtle
- Turtles are reptiles
- Many turtle species (not all) can hide their heads inside their shells when attacked by predators
- Like other reptiles, turtles are cold blooded.
- Turtles lay eggs
- Some turtles lay eggs in the sand and leave them to hatch on their own. The young turtles make their way to the top of the sand and scramble to the water while trying to avoid predators.
- Sea turtles have special glands which help remove salt from the water they drink

If you haven't got your own facts from Monday - you may use the facts above and group them.