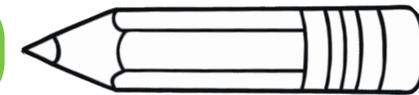


Non-Chronological Reports



Does your non-chronological report include...

a title?	
an introduction?	
paragraphs to organise the text?	
sub-headings?	
information in fact boxes and/or bullet-marked lists?	
topic language?	
a glossary that explains some of the topic language?	
present tense verbs (unless it is a historical report)?	
writing in the third person?	
a summary?	

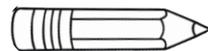
Present Tense Verbs

Writing in the present tense means that you are writing about something that is currently going on or generally always exists.

A tiger **has** sharp claws and **uses** them when hunting.

Word Bank

accurate	example	photograph
background	explain	research
caption	factual	section
clarify	glossary	statistics
conclusion	informative	subject
description	introduce	summarise
diagram	outline	



Third Person

Writing in the third person uses these pronouns:

he	she	they	themselves	it	itself
him	his	her	hers	its	their

Sentence Starters

An important thing...

Despite the fact that...

Did you know that...?

Have you ever wondered...?

Many people think that...

Would it surprise you to hear...?

Fronted Adverbials

Amazingly,...

As a result,...

Consequently,...

Finally,...

Fortunately,...

Frequently,...

Furthermore,...

Generally,...

In addition,...

In summary,...

Incredibly,...

Normally,...

Often,...

Sometimes,...

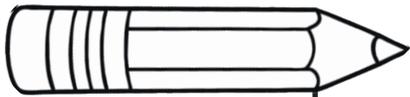
Strangely enough,...

Surprisingly,...

Unfortunately,...

Unusually,...

Usually,...



Key Features

a title

an introduction

sub-headings

a fact box

a bullet-marked list

present tense verbs

a glossary

topic language

use of the third person

The Amazing Apatosaurus

The Apatosaurus was a giant **sauropod** dinosaur that lived during the **Jurassic** period. It was one of the largest animals to ever live on Earth.

Basic Facts

- Pronounced: a-pat-oh-sor-us
- Name Meaning: 'deceptive lizard'
- Alive: around 150 million years ago
- Estimated Lifespan: 100+ years
- Discovered by Humans: 1877

Diet

The Apatosaurus was a **herbivore** and ate low-lying plants. However, it might have used **its** long, thin neck to help **it** to **reach** leaves on tall trees. The creature used **its** **peg-like teeth** to **rake** the leaves from bushes and trees. The Apatosaurus did not **chew** its food. Instead, **it** swallowed stones to help to **grind** up the plants in **its** stomach.

Did You Know...?

It **is** thought that the Apatosaurus had to eat up to 400kg of food every day. That is a lot of leaves!

Legs

The Apatosaurus had four huge legs to **carry** its enormous weight. **Its** back legs were longer than **its** front legs. Apatosaurus **footprints** **show** that **its** feet were around 1m wide.

Tail

The Apatosaurus had a very long tail which measured around 15m in length. **Its** tail **acted** to **balance** out the Apatosaurus's long neck. The tail could also be used to **defend** the Apatosaurus if **it** was attacked.

Glossary

Jurassic: The second period of the Mesozoic era.

sauropod: A large herbivorous dinosaur with four legs, a long neck, a tail and a small head.

Key Vocabulary

glossary: An alphabetical list of words and their definitions in relation to a specific topic.

paragraph: A chunk of writing that usually deals with a single idea or theme.

present tense: A tense that expresses an action that is currently going on or generally always exists.

sub-heading: A heading given to a small section of writing to tell you what that section is about.

third person: Third-person writing is from another person's point of view or as an outsider looking in. Third person uses pronouns, such as: 'he', 'she', 'they' or 'it'.