

Ambleside's Authors in Training Programme

Year 6

All About Sholphins



Non-Chronological Report

Knowledge Note

Year 6: What are the features of a non-chronological report?

- Use of sub-headings to organise
- Use of simple present tense
- Colons to expand and give more information
- Use of parenthesis
- Scientific Vocabulary
- Use of semi-colons to separate items in a complex list



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Sparkle Vocabulary

- hybrid
- predators
- characteristics
- prey
- diversity
- climate
- traverse
- microhabitats
- formidable
- consume
- ancestry
- brutal
- complex
- ruthless

Monday 15th April 2024



Non-Chronological Report – All About Sholphins

Learning and Analysing the Model Text



I can say out loud what I am going to write about.

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Today we have been reading and analysing a non-chronological report: All About Sholphins. We looked at the purpose and features of the genre in pairs.

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Non-Chronological Report – All About Sholphins



Understanding Purpose and Authorial Intent

I can write effectively for a range of purposes and audiences, selecting language that shows good awareness of the reader.

A Page for a Purpose

What is the purpose?



To inform the reader and share expert knowledge.

What impact will you have on the reader?



• Hook/entice the reader in.

• Knowledgeable

• Sense of awe

• Surprise

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Rhetorical question

sense of fear

Have you ever wondered about the creatures that lurk amongst the

mystery

Author is the expert

depths of our world's oceans? Did you know that over 80% of those

oceans remain unexplored by humans? Join us as we

pun

entices reader to keep reading

unknown to discover more about one of the most fascinating marine

take pause - more impact

predators: the Sholphin.

Appearance:

guides the reader

parenthesis

scientific vocabulary

The Sholphin – as its name suggests – is an unusual hybrid sea creature

with characteristics of both dolphins and sharks. It

formal

sleek body of a dolphin, with the fearsome jaws of a shark.

sense of fear



Can you sort the vocabulary?



Predator	Prey
Lurk	Weak
Ruthless	Fearful
Stalk	Timid
Relentless	Feeble
	Flee

Sort the vocabulary below to decide if it would be better used to describe predators or prey.



- ~~lurk~~ ~~fearful~~ ~~feeble~~
- ~~ruthless~~ ~~timid~~ ~~flee~~
- ~~weak~~ ~~stalk~~ ~~relentless~~

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Text Map - All About Sholphins

? ↓ ? 80% Introduction XOO ↓

Lurk depths unexplored unknown fascinating

CDHS Paragraph 1 - Appearance

Hybrid characteristics possesses fearsome serrated

Paragraph 2 - Habitat

diversity marine climate adaptability

predator 65% 20% 35% hunting 30kg

apex strategic ancestry devour

Glossary

adaptability - new

apex ↑

hybrid - OO

serrated - mmm

Thursday 18th April 2024



Non-Chronological Report – All About Sholphins

I can spell **most** words from the Year 3/4 Common Exception Words.

I can spell **most** words from Year 5/6 Common Exception Words.



Task 1: Circle and Trace the Correct Spellings

Find and circle the word **social**



social

soshal

sosial

social

social

socal

soil

Trace the word **temperature**.

temperature

Trace the word **environment**.

environment

temperature temperature

environment environment

Task 2: Build the Correct Spellings

Write the letters from the word **hour** inside the boxes.

hour

Finish off the word **possess**.

poss_ess_____

_poss_ess

_posses_s

p_ossess_

Now write the full word.

possess

Which of the letters below is **not** in the word **variety**?

a r y i
t e v r

r

Which letter from the word **temperature** is missing below?

p m e a u
r t e r t

e

Task 3: Look, Cover, Write, Check

Look	Cover	Write	Check
amongst		amongst	✓✓
discover		discover	✓✓
wondered		wondered	✓✓
unusual		unusual	✓✓
creatures		creatures	✓✓
exhibit		exhibit	✓✓

Task 4: Sentence Dictation

Have you ever wondered about the creatures that

lurk amongst the depths of the world's oceans? ✓

Did you know that over 80% of those oceans

remain unexplored by humans? ✓

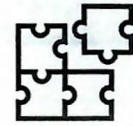
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Non-Chronological Report – All About Sholphins

Using Semi-Colons

I can use semi-colons mostly correctly.



Task 1: Tick the sentences below to show if they have used semi-colons correctly or incorrectly.

	Correct	Incorrect
Join us to discover more about the most fascinating marine predator; the Sholphin.		✓
The Sholphin is an unusual hybrid sea creature; it has characteristics of both dolphins and sharks.	✓	
Dolphins need to surface for air; the Sholphin can remain underwater for hours.	✓	
The warmer temperatures of the Pacific make a perfect climate; for Sholphins to raise their young.		✓

Task 2: Edit the sentences below to include a semi-colon in the correct place.

- a. The Sholphin can thrive in a range of marine habitats; this adaptability helps it in its search for prey.
- b. An apex predator is a creature who is at the top of their food chain; they dominate their habitats in search of food.
- c. Sholphins have the complex social skills of dolphins; they also have the brutal hunting instincts of sharks.

Task 3: Rewrite the sentences below in your book, then include a semi-colon and extend with another independent, linked sentence.

- 1. The Sholphin is a formidable apex predator.
- 2. Sholphins thrive in warmer waters.
- 3. Sholphins are particularly unusual creatures.

1) The Sholphin is a formidable apex predator; prey can't escape its grasp.

2) Sholphins thrive in warmer waters; their habitat is warmer so they can raise their young.

3. Sholphins are particularly unusual creatures; they possess the characteristics of dolphins and sharks.



Can you add the semi-colon to the correct place?



Unlike dolphins, Sholphins have gills; these help them to stay for hours under water, scanning for their prey.

Top Tip: Read each sentence either side of the semi-colon to ensure they make sense independently.



Trace the word *temperature*.

temperature

temperature

temperature

Can you trace and then write the correct spellings X2 underneath of the tricky word? Say the letters as you trace over.



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Non-Chronological Report – All About Sholphins

Using Colons

I can use colons mostly correctly.



Task 1: Tick the sentences below to show if they have used colons correctly or incorrectly.

	Correct	Incorrect
Join us to discover more about the most fascinating marine predator: the Sholphin.	✓	
The Sholphin is an unusual hybrid sea creature with features of: dolphins and sharks.		✓
Sholphins have a useful feature which allows them to breathe underwater: their gills.	✓	
The warmer temperatures of the Pacific are ideal for: Sholphin's to raise their young.		✓

Task 2: Edit the sentences below to include a colon in the correct place.

- The Sholphin can thrive in a range of marine habitats, beaches, coral reefs and the deep.
- Sholphins eat a colossal amount of food each day, up to thirty kilograms.
- Sholphins spend time mainly in the world's second warmest ocean, the Pacific.

Task 3: Rewrite the sentences below in your book, then include a colon and extend with a list or 'answer'.

- Let's dive into the unknown to learn about the most formidable ocean predator.
- Sholphins have particularly unusual features.
- Sholphins devour a wide variety of seafood.

- Let's dive into the unknown to learn about the most formidable ocean predator: The Sholphin.
- Sholphins have particularly unusual features: like its serrated teeth.
- Sholphins devour a wide variety of seafood: especially fish.

Tuesday 23rd April 2024



Non-Chronological Report – All About Sholphins

Using Semi-Colons in a Complex List

I can use semi-colons mostly correctly.



Task 1: **Edit the sentences below to include the semi-colons in the correct places.**

- The Sholphin can thrive in a range of marine habitats: beaches, which are warm and shallow; coral reefs, which are thriving with prey; and the deep, which is a safe space for them to rest.
- Sholphins have many dangerous features: sharp teeth, which are serrated; excellent vision, which helps them to track; and gills, which allow them to spend hours hunting under water.
- Sholphins migrate across several bodies of warm water: the Indian Ocean, which is the warmest ocean; the Pacific Ocean which is the second warmest ocean; and the Red Sea, which is home to diverse marine life.

Task 2: **Rewrite the sentences below in your book, and add extra detail to the items in the list. Don't forget your semi-colons to separate the items in the complex list.**

- Sholphins devour up to thirty kilograms of seafood each day: sea otters, fish and squid.
- Sholphins have several unusual features: serrated teeth, gills and flippers.
- Sholphins prefer to hunt across a range of microhabitats: in coral reefs, on the sandy sea floor and even in rockpools.

1. Sholphins devour up to thirty kilograms of seafood each day: sea otters, which make up 20% of its diet; fish, which makes up 65% and squid, which makes up the remaining 15%.

2. Sholphins have several unusual features: serrated teeth, which makes it easier to chomp their prey; gills, which allows them to breathe underwater; and flippers, which

help them swim.

3. Sholphins prefer to hunt across a range of microhabitats: in coral reefs, which are vibrant; on the sandy seafloor, which has seashells scattered around it; and even in rockpools, which is an unusual place for a massive creature.

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Non-Chronological Report - All About Sholphins

Model Write - Part 1



I can write effectively for a range of purposes and audiences, selecting language that shows good awareness of the reader.

All About Sholphins The Rarest Hybrid Sea Creature in the Pacific Ocean

Have you ever wondered about the creatures that lurk amongst the depths of our world's oceans? Did you know that over 80% of those oceans remain unexplored by humans? Join us as we dive down into the unknown to discover more about one of the most fascinating marine predators: The Sholphin.

Appearance

The Sholphin - as its name suggests - is an unusual hybrid sea creature with the characteristics of both dolphins and sharks. It possesses the long, sleek body of a dolphin and the fearsome jaws of a shark. Unlike dolphins, who need to surface for air, the Sholphins gills allow it to spend hours underwater scanning the depths for its prey. Its razor-like, serrated teeth

makes survival impossible for any creature it sets its piercing eyes upon.

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Model Write - Part 2



I can write effectively for a range of purposes and audiences, selecting language that shows good awareness of the reader.

Habitat

The largest pods of Sholphins can be found in the Pacific Ocean, where the diversity of marine life and warmer temperatures make climate for them to raise their young. The Sholphin can thrive in both coastal waters and deep-sea environments; this adaptability allows it to traverse various microhabitats in search of prey.

Diet

The Sholphin is a formidable, apex predator of the ocean.

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Editing Sentences



I can use colons mostly correctly.

I can use semi-colons mostly correctly.

Read and edit the sentences below for 4 points, making your edits neatly on the grey lines. Then, rewrite the entire correct sentence in your books neatly, remembering to include the 4 edits you have made.

1. Sholphins possess the long, sleek body of a dolphin; they also have the fearsome jaws of a shark.

2. The Sholphin boasts many features that make it a dangerous killer: sharp teeth, excellent vision and a strong sense of smell.

3. The largest pods of Sholphins can be found in the Pacific Ocean; the warm water is a perfect place to raise their young.

4. Sholphins can thrive in a range of environments; this adaptability helps it in its search for prey.

5. The Sholphin consumes various types of seafood: fish, for oily fats; sea otters, for protein and seaweed, for nutrients and vitamins.

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3. The largest pods of Sholphins can be found in



Can you use colons correctly?



Rewrite the sentence below to include a colon and extend with either a list or an 'answer'.

Sholphins devour a variety of seafood.

Top Tip: Identify the first part of the sentence, which will make sense by itself, then separate it from the 'answer' or 'list'.



the Pacific Ocean; the warm waters is a perfect place to raise their young.
4. Sholphins can thrive in a

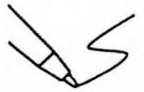
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Monday 29th April 2024



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Sparkle Synonyms



I can select language that shows good awareness of the reader.

I can use synonyms effectively in my writing to avoid repetition.

Sprinkle some Sparkle!

Have you ever wondered about

- Has it ever crossed your mind? ✓
- Are you fascinated by?
- Do you ever ponder...

to discover more about a
fascinating predator

- Scavenge^{en} for new information.
- Study in depth.
- Absorb new knowledge. ✓

Join us as we dive down into
the unknown

- Dig into the unexplored ✓
- Eagerly sprint
- Burrow down into an unknown world.

one of the most fascinating
marine predators

- Out-of-this-world.
- Mind-blowing ✓
- Unusual

Tuesday 30th April 2024

My Hybrid Animal Report Plan



What two animals is your creature a combination of?

Dog and rabbit.

What is it called?

Rog.

What characteristics does it have of the first animal?

Dog

- Great digging skills for creating hiding space.
- Short tail.
- Good sense of smell/hearing.

What characteristics does it have of the second animal?

Rabbit

- Long ears.
- Small body for hiding.
- Great eyesight.
- Communicate using code.

What features make it a good predator or prey?

- Digging (claws)
- Small to hide
- Silently communicate

Key Scientific Vocabulary that I will include:

- Omnivore