

What we already know - Non-fiction - instructional texts - Chronology, imperative verbs, bullet points	Stage 3 and 4 English: Non-Fiction: Information Texts	What's next Non-fiction stage 5 and 6 - information/non-chronological reports
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English Golden Concepts				
Reading: Fluency	Reading: Comprehension	Speaking and Listening	Writing Transcription	Writing Composition

What is non-fiction?

Non-fiction is a genre of writing that is based on facts, real people, or actual events.

Information texts give information on particular subjects.

A non-chronological report is a text that gives information about a topic without following a timeline

Key Vocabulary	
Plural nouns	Use when describing general groups, e.g., <i>animals, habitats, features</i> .
Adjectives	A word that describes a noun. For example: <i>shiny, red, soft, heavy</i> .
Conjunctions	A word or phrase that links ideas, sentences, or paragraphs together to show relationships between them, such as addition, contrast, or cause and effect. For example: <i>and, however, also</i> .
Technical terms	Subject-specific words or phrases used to describe key ideas or concepts in a particular topic. For example: <i>habitat, predator, diet, photosynthesis</i> .

Examples of non-chronological reports:

- Animals: 'All About Lions'
- Places: 'The Rainforest'
- Historical Topics: "Life in Ancient Egypt"
- Objects: "How Aeroplanes Work"
- Science Topics: "The Solar System"

What are information texts?

Information texts can be written on a variety of different topics, from natural features and locations to historical figures and events. We encounter them in our everyday lives whenever we read something that provides us with information.

Information texts help us to learn more about the world around us.



Common features of non-chronological reports:

Main title: Clearly states what the report is about (e.g., "All About Penguins").

Headings and sub-headings: These are used to organise the content of into sections to help the reader navigate the text.

Paragraphs: Each paragraph focuses on one idea or topic.

Technical vocabulary: Includes subject-specific words (e.g., "predator," "camouflage").

Factual information: Uses facts, not opinions.

Photographs, illustrations and diagrams: Visual aids to support understanding (e.g. a labelled diagram of a penguin).

Captions: Captions are used to describe included photographs and illustrations.

Present tense: Most non-chronological reports are written in the present tense unless referring to past events (e.g., historical facts).

Third person: Written in third person (e.g., "Penguins live in cold climates").