## We are learning to write good non-chronological reports

My heading:  I create a good title. (I think about whether it would be a good idea to phrase the title as a question.)  My opening paragraph:  • says what my report is about in a clear way  • gives a general "classification" - and maybe a technical classification  • outlines the main features of the subject  My main paragraphs:  • have sub-headings where helpful  • have short, clear opening sentences  • give detailed information about different aspects of the subject  • include specific, technical vocabulary  • are balanced (have a similar amount of detail about the different aspects I write about)  I organise my ideas so that each paragraph is about a different aspect of the subject.					
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I think about whether it is helpful to include: tables, pictures and/or diagrams to add information concisely					
My end paragraph:  • draws the report together - it may put the subject in context  • may give a personal opinion; ask the reader a question and/or tell the reader where further information may be found					
1 2 3 4 5 My comments: (e.g. what I learned, what I thought about my work, what h	elped	d me in	nprove	)	

## Planning a non-chronological report

My success criteria	1	2	3	4	5
Finding information:  I can use a range of resources (e.g. books, CD-ROM, internet) to gather information  I can select useful facts from these different sources  I choose relevant information  I think about what will interest the reader when choosing information  Planning the structure of my report:  I decide whether to use a spidergram or a grid for my planning  I organise my ideas under clear headings  I plan using notes  I make sure my notes are recorded under the right heading					
<ul> <li>I plan my introduction and final paragraphs         Improving my report:         <ul> <li>I read my writing through to make sure that someone who knows nothing about the subject would find it easy to understand</li> <li>I look for opportunities to use stronger, more powerful vocabulary/technical vocabulary</li> <li>I check that my introduction and final paragraph will interest the reader</li> </ul> </li> </ul>					
<ul> <li>When I have finished writing my report, I read it through carefully to make sure that</li> <li>I have said what I wanted to</li> <li>I have put the information across clearly and that</li> <li>I have used the best vocabulary</li> <li>My punctuation is accurate</li> <li>My spelling is accurate</li> </ul>					

## **Sentence starter checklist**

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verb					
(~ing)					
adverb					
(including ~/y)					
connective (eg. although,					
despite, while, when,					
because)					