

Information text

What is it?

An information text is sometimes called a non-chronological report. This means it isn't in a time sequence. It has paragraphs with different information about the subject. An information text can tell the reader about any topic, such as a living thing, a place, an object, a habitat, a hobby, a way of life or a festival.

How is the text organised?

Title	names the subject
Introduction	says what kind of thing the subject is and gives some short, general information about it
Paragraphs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• organised by content about the subject• usually start with a topic sentence• might have headings and subheadings, information boxes, bullet points, diagrams or images
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• an impersonal evaluative comment• a surprise or special piece of information on the subject• or something which relates the reader to the subject.



What language is often used in an information text?

Generalised nouns	Tigers Beekeepers The barn owl (meaning all barn owls/ any barn owl)
Generalising determiners	Most, many, a few, some, the majority
Verbs	Mostly timeless present tense
Factual, precise adjectives	e.g. an omnivorous, nocturnal mammal a prehistoric cutting tool
Words and phrases for classifying	a four-legged domestic animal ... is a kind of ...
Words and phrases for defining	...which lives in hot, dry places. The ring-tailed lemur
Words and phrases for adding information	as well as, moreover, additionally, furthermore
Words and phrases for comparing	like a ... as ... as a.... ...just as the ...
Words and phrases for contrasting	but, although, nevertheless, despite, however, in spite of
Words and phrases for summarising or concluding	Overall,... In summary,... Did you know that ... In the future, the African elephant may...

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