

Investigating the Magnificent Moon Rabbit

Learning objective: To identify and apply the features of a non-chronological report.

Read the report below carefully. Use your knowledge of non-chronological reports to answer the questions that follow. Refer back to the text to help you.

The Moon Rabbit is a mysterious creature that inhabits the craters of the lunar surface. Scientific observations by Nova the Owl suggest that these rabbits are made of stardust and moonlight.

Appearance: Moon Rabbits have long, shimmering ears that glow in the dark. Their fur is silver and feels like cool silk. They are small, usually measuring about 20 centimetres in height.

Diet and Habitat: Unlike rabbits on Earth, Moon Rabbits do not eat vegetables. Instead, they absorb energy from solar rays. They live in shallow craters, which provide shelter from the cold vacuum of space.

Behaviour: These creatures are incredibly shy. They spend their days sleeping and their nights hopping across the lunar plains. When they move, they leave behind tiny trails of glitter that can be seen through a telescope.

Word bank: subheading · fact · present tense · formal language · technical vocabulary · classification

1. What is the purpose of the subheadings used in this report? Why are they useful for the reader? (2 marks)

2. Identify one piece of 'technical vocabulary' used in the text. Why might a writer choose to use this word? (2 marks)

3. Is this report written in the past, present, or future tense? Give one example from the text to support your answer. (2 marks)

4. According to the report, what is the main difference between the diet of a Moon Rabbit and a rabbit found on Earth? (2 marks)

5. List two features of a non-chronological report that have been included in this passage. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a Moon Rabbit in its natural habitat based on the description in the passage. Make sure to include the silver fur and the lunar crater.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph about a new creature of your own invention. Remember to use a subheading, formal language, and the present tense.