

Reporting on the Rare Moon-Glow Butterfly

Learning objective: To write a non-chronological report using subheadings, technical vocabulary, and third-person perspective.

Help Nova the owl document a new discovery! Use this writing frame to create a report about the Moon-Glow Butterfly. Remember to use formal language, subheadings, and present tense verbs.

Nova the barn owl has discovered a rare insect in the Whispering Woods. The Moon-Glow Butterfly is a nocturnal creature. It has wings that shimmer with a soft, silver light, which scientists call bioluminescence. This butterfly feeds on the nectar of night-blooming jasmine using its long, curled mouth part called a proboscis. During the day, it hides under broad oak leaves to stay safe from predators. It is a peaceful creature that only emerges when the moon is high in the sky.

Word bank: nocturnal · habitat · bioluminescence · nectar · proboscis · indigenous · species · characteristics

1. Using the information provided, write a title for your report and a short 'Introduction' paragraph explaining what the Moon-Glow Butterfly is. (2 marks)

2. Create a subheading called 'Diet and Feeding' and explain how the butterfly eats, using the term 'proboscis'. (2 marks)

3. Why is the Moon-Glow Butterfly described as 'nocturnal'? Refer to the text in your answer. (2 marks)

4. What is the special feature of the butterfly's wings? Use the technical term from the text. (1 mark)

5. Imagine you are Nova. Write one sentence under a subheading called 'Did You Know?' that includes an interesting fact about where the butterfly hides during the day. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a scientific sketch of the Moon-Glow Butterfly. Label the wings, the antennae, and the proboscis.



Extension challenge: Research a real-life nocturnal animal and write an extra paragraph for your report using the same formal style, ensuring you use at least two new technical words.