

Knowledge Organiser - English

Play Script

A play script is a piece of writing in the form of drama. It is the story that has been written for actors to perform. People who write them are called Playwrights. Playwrights must be able to imagine and communicate important details, like the way characters look and behave so that actors can accurately bring these characters to life for the audience.

Key Features of a Play Script

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| Character List | a character list introduces all the different characters |
| Act | these are sections of the play that detail different parts of the story |
| Scene | these are like book chapters that split up the action, a new scene usually means a new setting. |
| Setting Description | this is used to help actors imagine their environment |
| Dialogue | the words spoken by characters in drama scripts are known as dialogue |
| Stage Directions | tell actors what to do or how to act while reading a particular piece of dialogue |
| Narrator | these are characters which explain what is going on in the story for the benefit of the audience |
| colon | colon (:) is a punctuation mark consisting of two equally sized dots centered on the same vertical line |

Example of a Play Script

The Gingerbread Man

Title

Character List

Character List

Scene and Act

Names

Dialogues

Character List

Narrator:
The Gingerbread Man - A very mischievous, baked Gingerbread Man who comes to life.
The Old Woman - A sweet old lady who lives with her husband and likes to bake.
The Old Man - A little old man who lives with his wife.

Scene 1 - In the Kitchen

An old woman is in the kitchen tying an apron around her waist and getting baking things from the cupboard. An old man is sitting at the table reading the newspaper.

Old Woman: Today I'm going to make some gingerbread men.

Old Man: (licking his lips) Delicious! I love gingerbread.

Narrator: The old woman put all the ingredients together and then put the mixture on the table. She got her rolling pin and rolled the mixture until it was flat. Then she cut out gingerbread man shaped pieces and laid them on a tray. She popped the tray into the oven and shut the door, before falling asleep at the kitchen table.

(Suddenly, the old woman woke up with a start. She heard a voice.)

Gingerbread Man: Ouch! It's hot in here!

(The old woman looks shocked and jumps to her feet.)

Old Woman: Who said that?

Gingerbread Man: I did! Let me out of here!

Non Chronological Report

What is a Non Chronological Report?

It is a text that gives facts and information about a particular subject that people will be interested in and would like to know more about.

Key Features of a Non Chronological Report

| | |
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| Title | covers the whole subject |
| Introduction | gives the reader a small piece of information about the text at the beginning |
| Paragraphs | sections of text used to structure writing to make it clear and easy to read |
| Sub Heading | a small title to help group information within the report |
| Fact box/ Did you know? | interesting information which can't be categorised into any of the other paragraphs |
| Diagrams/ Pictures and captions | a labelled picture with information under which explains what is happening in the picture |
| Formal language | the report is written using a correct punctuation and grammar |
| Third Person | using the pronouns, he, she, it and they. |
| Conclusion | a group of sentences at the end of the report |

Introduction

Title → **Sharks**

There are more than 500 different species of shark, including the great white shark, grey reef shark, hammerhead shark and tiger shark.

Sub-headings

Where do they live?
Sharks can be found in every ocean.
The most shark attacks have been in Australia, South Africa, America and Brazil.

What do they eat?
Some types of shark can be deadly, but only about 12 species have ever attacked humans. What sharks eat depends on its species and where it is.
Most sharks are meat eaters so they like to eat fish and other sharks. Some larger sharks eat dolphins, sea lions and small whales.
Smaller sharks eat small aquatic life like clams and crabs.

Facts

Big Facts

1. A group of sharks is called a shoal, school or shiver.
2. Sharks have a skeleton of cartilage but no bones!
3. A baby shark is called a pup.

Image/ Picture →

Grey Reef Shark

School of Hammerhead Sharks

Example of a Non Chronological Report