

Writing a formal report

Activity 2: suggested answers

1. What is the title?

The title is 'Mary Anning – Fossil hunter.'

2. How many sub-headings are there? Name one.

There are three subheadings. One is 'The story of Mary Anning' / 'Growing up by the sea' / 'Fossil hunting'.

3. Did you spot any examples of technical language?

Yes. Some examples of technical language that I spotted are 'ichthyosaur' (which means 'fish lizard'), 'plesiosaur' (which is a long-necked marine reptile) and 'Dimorphodon' (which is a flying reptile).

4. How is the information organised?

The information is organised into paragraphs and is chronological order (which means it moves through events in the order in which they happened – from Mary's childhood to her death.)

5. Are any photographs or illustrations used? Why do you think this was?

Yes, photographs and illustrations are used. I think this is to bring Mary Anning's story to life for the reader and help you to picture her.