# **Progression in Non-Fiction**

# Progression in discussion texts Purpose:

To present a reasoned and balanced overview of an issue or controversial topic. Usually aims to provide two or more different views on an issue, each with elaborations, evidence and/or examples

#### Planning and preparation **Generic text structure Grammatical features** • Written in the **present tense**. This can include • Questions often make good titles e.g. Should The most common structure includes: other forms such as **present perfect** e.g. some everyone travel less to conserve global energy? • a statement of the issues involved and a preview of people have argued...some people have said... • Use the introduction to show why you are the main arguments; • arguments for, with supporting • Generalises the participants and things it refers to debating the issue e.g. There is always a lot of evidence/examples; using uncountable **noun phrases** (some people, disagreement about x and people's views vary a lot. • arguments against or alternative views, with most dogs), nouns that categorise (vehicles, pollution) • Make sure you show both/all sides of the supporting evidence/examples. Another common and abstract nouns (power). argument fairly. • Heading and subheadings can be used to aid structure presents the arguments 'for' and 'against' • Support each viewpoint you present with reasons alternatively. presentation. and evidence. • Paragraphs are useful for organising the • If you opt to support one particular view in the discussion into logical sections. Discussion texts usually end with a summary and conclusion, give reasons for your decision. • Uses adverbials e.g. therefore, however to create a statement of recommendation or conclusion. • Re-read your explanation as if you know nothing cohesion within and across paragraphs. at all about the subject. Check that there are no Writers need to make formal and informal The summary may develop one particular viewpoint gaps in the information. vocabulary choices to suit the form of the writing using reasoned judgements based on the evidence • Remember that you can adapt explanatory texts by making generic statements followed by specific provided or combine them with other text types to make examples e.g. Most vegetarians disagree. Dave Smith, them work effectively for your audience and a vegetarian for 20 years, finds that ... purpose. • Layout devices such as diagrams, illustrations, moving images and sound can be used to provide additional information or give evidence. • The passive voice can sometimes be used to present points of view e.g. It could be claimed that...it

is possible that...some could claim that...

	Degrees of formality and informality can be adapted to suit the form of the discussion e.g. whether writing a formal letter on an informal blog. This can include vocabulary choices e.g. choosing habitat rather than homeindicates rather than shows.      Because arguments include hypothetical ideas, conditional language, such as the subjunctive form can sometimes be used e.g. If people were to stop hunting whales      In discussions, complex ideas need developing over a sentence. Colons and semi-colons can be useful	
	for separating and linking these ideas.	
Progression by Year group	Grammatical features to include in discussion texts	
Year 1	n/a	
Year 2	n/a	
Year 3	n/a	
Year 4	Use present perfect form of verbs (Y3)  Effective use of noun phrases  Use of paragraphs to organise ideas  Use adverbials e.g. therefore, however  Heading and subheadings used to aid presentation (Y3)	
Year 5	Create cohesion within paragraphs using adverbials.  Use layout devices to provide additional information and guide the reader.	
Year 6	Create cohesion across paragraphs using a wider range of cohesive devices which can include adverbials.  Make formal and informal vocabulary choices Use the passive voice to present points of view.  Adapt degrees of formality and informality to suit the form of the discussion.  Use conditional forms such as the subjunctive form to hypothesise.  Make formal and informal vocabulary choices Use semi-colons, colons and dashes to make boundaries between clauses.	

#### Common forms of discussion text:

Non-fiction book on an 'issues'

Write-up a debate

Leaflet or article giving balanced account of an issue

Writing letters about pollution, factory farming or smoking

Writing essays giving opinions about literature, music or works of art

### Oracy

#### Make it better

Start off with a simple statement e.g. Ice melts. Go round the room and ask pupils to add to the statement to improve it.

**For and against-** students form two circles - an inner and an outer - those who agree in one circle , those who disagree in another

Pupils walk round and round until the teacher gives a signal to stop – they then have to try to persuade the person they have ended up facing of the merits of their 'for' or 'against' position.

#### **Debates**

Interviews

#### Podcast

Short audio broadcast about an issue.

**Kagan Structures** 

# **Progression in explanatory texts**

Explanatory texts generally go beyond simple 'description' in that they include information about causes, motives or reasons. Explanations and reports are sometimes confused when children are asked to 'explain' and they actually provide a report, e.g. what they did (or what happened) but not how and why.

## Purpose:

To explain how or why, e.g. to explain the processes involved in natural/social phenomena or to explain why something is the way it is.

Generic text structure	Grammatical features	Planning and preparation
A general statement to introduce the topic being	Written in <b>present tense</b> e.g. Hedgehogs wake up	<ul> <li>Choose a title that shows what you are explaining,</li> </ul>
explained. E.g. In the winter some animals	again in the spring.)	perhaps using why or how.
hibernate.	• Questions can be used to form titles e.g. How do	Decide whether you need to include images or
The steps or phases in a process are explained	hedgehogs survive the winter? Why does it get dark at	other features to help your reader, e.g. diagrams,
logically, in order. E.g. When the nights get longer	night?	photographs, a flow chart, a text box, captions, a list
because the temperature begins to drop so the	<ul> <li>Question marks are used to denote questions.</li> </ul>	or a glossary.
hedgehog looks for a safe place to hide.	• Use of <b>adverbs</b> e.g. first, then, after that, finally	Use the first paragraph to introduce what you will
	• Use of <b>conjunctions</b> e.g. so, because	be explaining.
	• Use <b>prepositions</b> e.g. before, after	Plan the steps in your explanation and check that

	<ul> <li>Indicate degrees of possibility using adverbs e.g. perhaps, surely Sometimes modal verbs can be used to express degrees of possibility e.g. might, should, will</li> <li>Fronted adverbials can be used e.g. During the night, nocturnal animals</li> <li>Relative clauses can be used to add further information e.g. Hedgehogs, which are mammals</li> <li>Degrees of formality and informality can be adapted to suit the form of the discussion, so an informal tone can sometimes be appropriate e.g. You'll be surprised to know that Have you ever thought about the way that? And a formal, authoritative tone can also be adopted e.g. oxygen is constantly replaced in the bloodstream</li> <li>The passive voice can sometimes be used e.g. gases are carried</li> <li>Layout devices such as heading, subheadings, columns, bullets etc can be used to present information clearly.</li> <li>Paragraphs are useful for organising the explanation into logical sections.</li> <li>Brackets, dashes and commas can be used to add extra information inside parenthesis e.g. oxygen (a gas found in air)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Interest the reader by talking directly to them</li> <li>Re-read your explanation as if you know nothing at all about the subject. Check that there are no gaps in the information.</li> <li>Remember that you can adapt explanatory texts or combine them with other text types to make them work effectively for your audience and purpose.</li> </ul>
Progression by Year group	Grammatical features to include in explanatory	texts
Year 1	n/a	
Year 2	Consistent use of present tense Questions can be used to form titles Question marks are used to denote questions (Y1)	

	Use <b>conjunctions</b> e.g. sobecause
Year 3	Express time, place and cause using conjunctions (e.g. so, because), adverbs and prepositions
	Heading and subheadings used to aid presentation
Year 4	Use fronted adverbials
	Use of <b>paragraphs</b> to organise ideas
	Create <b>cohesion</b> through the use of <b>nouns and pronouns</b>
Year 5	Indicate degrees of possibility using adverbs and modal verbs
	Use layout devices to provide additional information and guide the reader
	Create cohesion within paragraphs using adverbials
	Relative clauses can be used to add further information
	Parenthesis can be used to add clarification of technical words
Year 6	Adapt degrees of formality and informality to suit the form of the explanation
	Create cohesion across paragraphs using a wider range of cohesive devices which can include
	adverbials
	The passive voice can be used
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#### Common forms of explanatory text:

Explaining electricity, forces, food chains etc. in science

Explaining inventions such as the steam train, the causes of historic events such as wars, explaining the role of the Nile in determining the seasons in Ancient Egypt

Explaining phenomena such as the water cycle or how a volcano erupts in geography

Explaining religious traditions and practices in RE

Encyclopaedia entries

Technical manuals

Question and answer articles and leaflets

Science write-ups

#### Oracy

Word wall-pupils contribute to a word wall using subject specific language.

#### Snowball

Pupils discuss a particular issue/topic or question in pairs. Pairs join into 4s to share their ideas. Groups join together gradually to form larger groups to share ideas.

#### Make it better

Start off with a simple statement e.g. Ice melts. Go round the room and ask pupils to add to the statement to improve it.

The Thinker's Keys – by Tony Ryan

http://www.thinkerskeys.com/

#### Diamond 9

- •Students are given a number of different issues / statements (9 is a good number)
- •They are then put into groups or pairs where they

discuss the relative importance of each issue; which is most important, which 2 share the next level of importance, etc so that statements form a diamond shape (1,2,3,2,1)

•Students can share their decisions with others and justify their decisions, however the group must agree on the final order.

**Kagan Structures** 

### Progression in Instruction/procedural texts

Like all text types, variants of instructions occur and they can be combined with other text types. They may be visual only (e.g. a series of diagrams with an image for each step in the process) or a combination of words and images. Instructions and procedural texts are found in all areas of the curriculum and include rules for games, recipes, instructions for making something and directions.

#### Purpose:

To ensure something is done effectively and/or correctly with a successful outcome for the participant/s

#### **Generic text structure**

- Begin by defining the goal or desired outcome. E.g. How to make a board game.
- List any material or equipment needed, in order. Provide simple, clear instructions. If a process is to be undertaken, keep to the order in which the steps need to be followed to achieve the stated goal.
- Diagrams or illustrations are often integral and may even take the place of some text. (Diagram B shows you how to connect the wires.)
- A final evaluative statement can be used to wrap up the process. E.g. Now go and enjoy playing your new game. Your beautiful summer salad is now ready to eat.

#### **Grammatical features**

- Use of imperative/**command** sentences e.g. Cut the card ... Paint your design ...some of these may be **negative commands** e.g. Do not use any glue at this stage...
- **Commas** in lists can be used to separate required ingredients/materials
- Conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions can be used to order and explain the procedure e.g. when this has been done...next add...after doing this...
- **Relative clauses** can be used to add further information e.g. Collect your jam from the fried, which may be bought or homemade...
- **Cohesion** can be created, and repetition avoided through the use of **nouns and pronouns** e.g. Add the egg and then beat it with a whisk.
- Additional advice can be added through the use of **parenthesis** e.g. (It's a good idea to leave it

# Planning and preparation

Use the title to show what the instructions are about. E.g. How to look after goldfish.

- Work out exactly what sequence is needed to achieve the planned goal.
- Decide on the important points you need to include at each stage.
- Keep sentences as short and simple as possible.
- Avoid unnecessary adjectives and adverbs or technical words, especially if your readers are young.
- Appeal directly to the reader's interest and enthusiasm. E.g. You will really enjoy this game. Why not try out this delicious recipe on your friends? Only one more thing left to do now.
- Use procedural texts within other text types when you need a set of rules, guidelines or instructions to make something really clear for the

	overnight if you have time)	reader.
	• Conditional adverbials can be used, including as	
	fronted adverbials to make a bigger decoration,	
	you could either double the dimensions of the base or	
	just draw bigger flowers.	
	• Modals can be used to suggest degrees of	
	possibility e.g. you shouldyou might want to	
	• Different degrees of <b>formality</b> may be required e.g.	
	Cook for 20 minutes/Pop your cheesecake in the oven	
	for 20 minutes.	
	• <b>Headings</b> can be used to separate the equipment	
	from the procedure.	
	<ul> <li>Layout devices such as bullet points,</li> </ul>	
	numbers or letters to help your reader keep track	
	as they work their way through each step.	
Progression by Year group	Grammatical features to include in instructional/procedural texts	
Year 1	Although, the Year 1 curriculum asks pupils to sequence	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	instructions can be written. These should use the grammar and punctuation objectives listed in the National Control of the Con	
	Curriculum for Year 1.	
Year 2	Use of command sentences	
	Commas in lists	
Year 3	Express time, place and cause using conjunctions (e.g. so, because), adverbs and prepositions	
	Heading and subheadings used to aid presentation	
Year 4	Create cohesion through the use of nouns and pronouns	
	Use fronted adverbials	
Year 5	Parenthesis can be used to add additional advice	
	Relative clauses can be used to add further information	
	Modals can be used to suggest degrees of	
	possibility	
	Use layout devices to provide additional information	
Year 6	Adapt degrees of formality and informality to suit	
	Create <b>cohesion across the text</b> using a wide of coh	I
Common forms of instructional text:		Oracy

How to design and make artefacts

Technical manuals: how to operate computers, phones, devices

How to carry out science experiments or to carry out a mathematical procedure

How to play a game

Writing rules for behaviour

How to cook and prepare food

Timetables and route-finders

Posters, notices and signs

Instructions on packaging

# Word wall-pupils contribute to a word wall using subject specific language.

## **Verbal Ping Pong**

With partner – take it in turns to say words on a given topic, or in a given category, e.g. –imperative verbs linked to baking. If you miss a turn or say a word not in the category, you must start again with a new "serve".

#### **Kagan Structures**:

Give One Get One

Mix Pair Share

#### **Barriers** games

Pupils sit back to back or with screen between. One gives instructions to the other – e.g. To complete a picture or puzzle, how to perform a calculation, make a model, perform an action – the other listens and follows the instruction.

## **Progression in persuasive texts**

Persuasive texts can be written, oral or written to be spoken, e.g. a script for a television advert or presentation. Elements of persuasive writing are found in many different texts including moving image texts and digital multimedia texts.

### **Purpose:**

To argue a case from a particular point of view and to encourage the reader/listener towards the same way of seeing things.

Generic text structure	Grammatical features	Planning and preparation
An opening statement (thesis) that sums up the	Written in the <b>present tense.</b> This can include other	Decide on the viewpoint you want to present and
viewpoint being presented. (Greentrees Hotel is the	forms such as <b>present perfect</b> e.g. people have	carefully select the information that supports it.
best in the world. School uniform is a good idea.)	said	Organise the main points to be made in the best
Strategically organised information presents	Often refers to generic rather than specific	order and decide which persuasive information you
and then elaborates on the desired viewpoint. (Vote	participants e.g. Vegetables are good for you. They	will add to support each.
for me because I am very experienced. I have been a	This means that <b>cohesion</b> is created through the	Plan some elaboration/explanation, evidence and
school councillor three times and I have)	combined use of <b>nouns and pronouns</b> .	example(s) for each key point but avoid ending up
A closing statement repeats and reinforces the	• Uses <b>adverbials</b> e.g. therefore, however to create	with text that sounds like a list.

original thesis. (All the evidence shows that ... It's quite clear that ... Having seen all that we offer you, there can be no doubt that we are the best.)

## cohesion within and across paragraphs.

- Uses logical **conjunctions**, **adverbials and prepositions** e.g. This proves that ... So it's clear ... Therefore ...
- Sentence types include **rhetorical questions** e.g. Do you want to get left behind in the race to be fashionable? Want to be the most relaxed person in town? So what do you have to do to?
- Modals can be used to suggest degrees of possibility e.g. this could be...you should...you might want to...
- Sometimes the second **person** is useful for appealing to the reader e.g. e.g. this is just what you've been looking for. This also enables adaptation of the **Degrees of formality and informality** so that the text appeals to the reader.
- Adjectives can be used to create persuasive noun phrases e.g. delicious chocolate...evil hunters...
- In some formal texts, it may be possible to use the passive voice e.g. It can be said...it cannot be overstated...
- Repetition can be used to strengthen your point of view. This also acts as a **cohesive device.**
- Because arguments include hypothetical ideas, conditional language, such as the **subjunctive form** can sometimes be used e.g. If people were to stop hunting whales...
- **Paragraphs** are useful for organising the content into logical sections.
- Requires the writer to **make formal and informal vocabulary choices** by moving from generic statements to specific examples when key points are being presented. (The hotel is comfortable. The beds

- Think about counter arguments your reader might come up with and include evidence to make them seem incorrect or irrelevant.
- Try to appear reasonable and use facts rather than emotive comments.
- Choose strong, positive words and phrases and avoid sounding negative.
- Use short sentences for emphasis.
- Re-read the text as if you have no opinion and decide if you would be persuaded.
- Remember that you can use persuasive writing within other text types.

	are soft, the chairs are specially made to support your	
	back and all rooms have thick carpet.)	
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Progression by Year group	Grammatical features to include in persuasive texts	
Year 1	n/a	
Year 2	Written in <b>present tense</b>	
	Rhetorical questions	
	Effective use of <b>noun phrases</b>	
Year 3	Express time, place and cause using conjunctions (e.g. so, because), adverbs and prepositions	
	Use <b>present perfect</b> form of verbs	
Year 4	Create <b>cohesion</b> through the use of <b>nouns and pronouns</b>	
	Use <b>adverbials</b> e.g. therefore, however	
	Use <b>paragraphs</b> to organise ideas	
	Effective use of <b>expanded noun phrases</b>	
Year 5	Modals can be used to suggest degrees of possibility	
	Create cohesion within paragraphs using adverbials	
Year 6	Make formal and informal vocabulary choices	
	Adapt degrees of formality and informality to suit the form of the text	
	The passive voice can be used in some formal persuasive texts	
	Use conditional forms such as the <b>subjunctive form</b> to hypothesise	
	Create <b>cohesion across paragraphs</b> using a wider range of cohesive devices which can include	
	adverbials	

## **Common forms of persuasive text:**

Writing publicity materials such as tourist brochures based on trips to places of interest; writing editorials to newspapers about controversial issues

Writing letters about topics such as traffic on the high street or deforestations

Creating posters and leaflets about issues such as bullying, stranger danger or substance abuse Creating posters, articles and leaflets promoting healthy living based on science work about teeth and nutrition

Writing book reviews for other pupils Book blurbs

## Oracy

## The panel presents

Students work in small groups. Create a PowerPoint presentation with just visual images. When presenting to the class, each student in the group gives a verbal commentary to accompany the slides.

## Reporters

Students work in pairs as interviewer and interviewee and then swap roles.

Political pamphlets	Interviewer has to find out set number of things as
Applying for a job or a position on the school council	directed by teacher and report back to class in the role
	of a news reporter –
	Hot seating
	Freeze Frames
	Kagan Structures:
	Timed Pair Share
	All Write Round Robin
	Line up
	Pupils are given cards with statements, facts,
	calculations. They need to line up in order of
	importance, timeline, number order, etc (depending
	on the focus of the statements).

# Progression in report texts

Non-chronological reports describe things the way they are, so they usually present information in an objective way.

# Purpose:

To provide detailed information about the way things are or were. To help readers/listeners understand what is being described by organising or categorising information.

Generic text structure	Grammatical features	Planning and preparation
In the absence of a temporal (chronological)	Often written in the third person and present	Plan how you will organise the information you
structure where events happen in a particular order,	tense e.g. They like to build their nests It is a cold	want to include, e.g. use paragraph headings, a
non-chronological reports usually have a logical	and dangerous place to live.	spidergram or a grid.
structure. They tend to group information, often	Sometimes written in the <b>past tense</b> , as in a	Gather information from a wide range of sources
moving from general to more specific detail and	historical report e.g. Children as young as seven	and collect it under the headings you've planned.
examples or elaborations. A common structure	worked in factories. They were poorly fed and clothed	Consider using a question in the title to interest
includes:	and they did dangerous work.	your reader (Vitamins – why are they so
an opening statement, often a general	• Questions can be used to form titles e.g. Who	important?).
classification (Sparrows are birds);	were the Victorians? What was it like in a Victorian	Try to find a new way to approach the subject and
<ul> <li>sometimes followed by a more detailed or</li> </ul>	school?	compose an opening that will attract the reader or
technical classification (Their Latin name is);	<ul> <li>Question marks are used to denote questions.</li> </ul>	capture their interest. Use the opening to make very
<ul> <li>a description of whatever is the subject of the</li> </ul>	• Use of <b>conjunctions</b> e.g. so, because	clear what you are writing about.
report organised in some way to help the reader	Use <b>prepositions</b> e.g. before, after	Include tables, diagrams or images e.g. imported

make sense of the information. For example:

- its qualities (Like most birds, sparrows have feathers.);
- its parts and their functions (The beak is small and strong so that it can ...);
- its habits/behaviour/ uses (Sparrows nest in ...)
- **Cohesion** can be created, and repetition avoided through the use of **nouns and pronouns e.g.** The Victorians liked...they were particularly fond of...
- Non-chronological reports are often organised into sections. This makes **paragraphing** a useful tool.
- **Headings** can be used to organise different sections.
- Layout devices such as heading, subheadings, columns, bullets etc can be used to present information clearly. Consistent use across the text helps create **cohesion**.
- The **passive voice** is frequently used to avoid personalisation, to avoid naming the agent of a verb, to add variety to sentences or to maintain an appropriate level of formality for the context and purpose of writing. E.g. Sparrows are found in ... Sharks are hunted ... children were taught ...
- Requires the writer to appreciate the difference between **vocabulary typical of informal speech** and that appropriate for **formal speech** e.g. the habitat of wood mice rather than where wood mice live.
- Adjectives and specifically comparative adjectives can be used to create description e.g. Polar bears are the biggest carnivores of all. They hibernate, just like other bears. A polar bear's nose is as black as a piece of coal.
- Brackets, dashes and commas can be used to add extra information inside parenthesis.

photographs or drawings that add or summarise information.

- Find ways of making links with your reader. You could ask a direct question e.g. Have you ever heard of a hammerhead shark? Or add a personal touch to the text e.g. So next time you choose a pet, think about getting a dog.
- Re-read the report as if you know nothing about its subject. Check that information is logically organised and clear.
- Use other text-types within your report if they will make it more effective for your purpose and audience.

## **Progression by Year group**

Year 1

## **Grammatical features to include in reports**

Although, the Year 1 curriculum asks pupils to sequence sentences to write short narratives, simple non-chronological reports can be written about topics with which pupils are familiar. These should use the grammar and punctuation objectives listed in the National Curriculum for Year 1.

Year 2	Use <b>present and past tense</b> throughout writing
	Questions can be used to form titles
	Question marks are used to denote questions (Y1)
	Use <b>conjunctions</b> e.g. because to aid explanation
	Use adjectives including comparative adjectives to create description
Year 3	Express time, place and cause using conjunctions (e.g. so, because), adverbs and prepositions
	Headings and subheadings used to aid presentation
Year 4	Create <b>cohesion</b> through the use of <b>nouns and pronouns</b>
	Use of <b>paragraphs</b> to organise ideas
Year 5	Create cohesion within paragraphs using adverbials
	Parenthesis can be used to add additional information
	Use layout devices to provide additional information and guide the reader
Year 6	Use vocabulary typical of informal speech and that appropriate for formal speech in the appropriate
	written forms
	The passive voice can be used
	Create cohesion across paragraphs using a wider range of cohesive devices such as organisational
	features, headings and questions.
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#### Common forms of report text:

Describing aspects of daily life in history (e.g. fashion, transport, buildings)

Describing the characteristics of anything (e.g. particular animals or plants; the planets I the solar system, different rocks and materials; mythological creatures)

Comparing and describing localities or geographical features

Describing the characteristics of religious groups and their lifestyles in RE

Information leaflets

Tourist guidebooks

Encyclopaedia entries

Magazine articles

Letters

Non-fiction books

Catalogues

Magazine articles

#### Oracy

Word wall-pupils contribute to a word wall using subject specific language.

I Spy-using a topic diagram or picture

One thing I know about.....

Teacher asks students to tell one thing they know about selected topic. Type onto whiteboard as list or spidergram and save. Add to in subsequent lessons. Choose topic you have been covering recently.

#### Gimme 5

Teacher provides category

Students have to name 5 things

**Interesting images** 

Provide images that are related to the topic

Can spark of discussion / conversation / thinking
Can be extended to have a number of images that
are linked. Pupils then have to describe and explain
the links.
Kagan Structures eg
Think, pair, share
Interview an expert
Round Robin
Round Robin
Rally Robin
Give One Get One

#### **Progression in recounts**

Recounts are sometimes referred to as 'accounts'. They are the most common text type we encounter as readers and listeners, not least because they are the basic form of many storytelling texts. In non-fiction texts they are used to provide an account of events. Recounts can be combined with other text types, for example, newspaper reports of an event often consist of a recount that includes elements of explanation.

## **Purpose:**

To argue a case from a particular point of view and to encourage the reader/listener towards the same way of seeing things.

#### Generic text structure

Structure often includes:

- orientation such as scene-setting or establishing context (It was the school holidays. I went to the park ...)
- an account of the events that took place, often in chronological order (The first person to arrive was...)
- some additional detail about each event (He was surprised to see me.)
- reorientation, e.g. a closing statement that may include elaboration. (I hope I can go to the park again next week. It was fun.)

Structure sometimes reorganises the chronology of events using techniques such as flashbacks,

#### **Grammatical features**

- Usually written in **the past tense** with space for pupils to use the **past progressive** form of verbs, e.g. the children were playing, I was hoping...
- Opportunities also exist for the use of the **past perfect** e.g. The children had tried...earlier in the day, the owls had hunted... and **Past perfect progressive** forms e.g. the children had been singing... we had been hoping to go on this trip for a long time...
- Some forms may use **present tense**, e.g. informal anecdotal storytelling (Just imagine—I'm in the park and I suddenly see a giant bat flying towards me!) which also enables writing to meet different levels of **formality and informality.** In these cases it is also

### Planning and preparation

- Plan how you will organise the way you retell the events. You could use a timeline to help you plan.
- Details are important to create a recount rather than a simple list of events in order. Try using When? Where? Who? What? Why? questions to help you plan what to include.
- Decide how you will finish the recount. You'll need a definite ending, perhaps a summary or a comment on what happened (I think our school trip to the Science Museum was the best we have ever had).
- Read the text through as if you don't know anything about what it is being recounted. Is it clear what happened and when?
- Is the style right for the genre you are using?

moving the focus backwards and forwards in time, but these strategies are more often used in fiction recounts	possible to extend opportunities to writing using the present progressive e.g. I am really hoping  • Conjunctions are useful for coordinating events and showing subordination e.g. we went to the park so we could play on the swings  • Events being recounted have a chronological order, so conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions are used e.g. then, next, first, afterwards, just before that, at last, meanwhile.  • Noun phrases (some people, most dogs, blue butterfly) can be used to add detail and interest the reader  • The subject of a recount tends to focus on individual or group participants, which requires the use of either first or third person e.g. Third person they all shouted, she crept out, it looked like an animal of some kind).  • In personal recounts, the first person is used e.g. I was on my way to school We got on the bus  • Recounts can take many forms (diaries, letters, newspaper reports) paragraphing can be used to organise all of these.  • Uses adverbials e.g. therefore, however to create cohesion within and across paragraphs.  • Different degrees of formality may be required for different forms e.g. high formality if recounting in the style of a broadsheet newspaper or informal in a personal diary.	(Technical/formal language to recount a science experiment, powerful verbs and vivid description to recount an adventure, informal, personal language to tell your friends about something funny that happened to you.)
Progression by Year group	Grammatical features to include in recounts	
Year 1	Although, the Year 1 curriculum asks pupils to sequence and retellings can be written about experiences with whand punctuation objectives listed in the National Curricular punctuation.	nich pupils are familiar. These should use the grammar
Year 2	Use past and present tense throughout writing	

	Use <b>progressive</b> forms of verbs Use <b>conjunctions</b> for coordination and	subordination	
	Use of <b>noun phrases</b>	Use of <b>noun phrases</b>	
Year 3		Express time, place and cause using conjunctions (e.g. so, because), adverbs and prepositions	
	Inverted commas can be used to pu	ınctuate direct speech	
Year 4	Use of <b>paragraphs</b> to organise ideas		
	Effective use of expanded noun phras		
	Fronted adverbials (e.g. Later that day	v)	
Year 5	Use of the past perfect		
	<b>Modals</b> can be used to indicate degrees		
	Create cohesion within paragraphs	-	
Year 6	Use of the past perfect progressive for		
	, · •	Adapt degrees of formality and informality to suit the form of the text	
		using a wider range of cohesive devices which can include	
	adverbials		
Common forms of recount texts:		Oracy	
Retelling stories in English lessons and of		Asking questions	
•	events, science experiments and trips out	Answering questions	
Writing historical accounts		Discussing ideas	
Writing biographies and autobiographies	5	Talking about their thinking	
Letters and postcards		Talking about what they know	
Diaries and journals		Hotseating	
Newspaper reports		Interviews	
Magazine articles Obituaries		Freeze Frames	
		Kagan Structures eg	
Encyclopaedia entries		Timed Pair Share	
		Mixed Pair Share	
		Rally Robin	
		Podcast	
		Short audio broadcast about a biography, historica	