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MLJ is to plan a paragraph about the diet of my creature ☺☺?

Make notes on the features of non-chronological reports – link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t4rNkcTqT6I>

Read the paragraph about water scorpions and answer the questions. Highlight words and phrases you could magpie for your own writing.

Water Scorpion

Water Scorpions are underwater ambush predators, relying upon camouflage when hunting. They live in bodies of still water, such as lakes and lodges, and are common around the shallow edges of garden ponds, where they hide amongst dead leaves and wait to ambush their prey. Lashing out with the front legs and subduing their prey via salivary fluids injected through the sharp beak, this predatory creature feeds largely upon the body fluids of invertebrates, but will also take small tadpoles and fish. These salivary fluids contain chemicals that tranquilize prey and start digestion; their food is consumed in liquid form, in a manner similar to that of a spider. Prey include small insect larvae, water fleas, water lice, newts and water worms. Despite its name, the creature is not a true scorpion, and is a poor swimmer, preferring to move by walking.

1. Name three places the water scorpion is found.
2. How does the water scorpion eat its prey?
3. Which word implies the water scorpion hides and then jumps out?
4. Name 4 things that the water scorpion will eat.
5. Which word tells the reader that the water scorpion is most often found around the shallow edges of garden ponds?

Now plan a paragraph about the diet of your creature. Use the prompt below to help you decide what to include how to structure your writing.

Success criteria

- 1) Sentence one must be a 'Did you know...' question.
- 2) Sentence two must include a relative clause.
- 3) Sentence three must open with a preposition.
- 4) Sentence four must include a list.
- 5) Sentence five must include at least two pieces of technical vocabulary.
- 6) Sentence six must include a conjunction to open a sentence.
- 7) Sentence seven must use brackets.
- 8) Sentence eight must open with an adverb or adverbial phrase.

Challenge 1

Vocabulary to include:

Prey or predator, habitat, species, rely, diet, unusual, variety.

Challenge 2

Can you use : and ; accurately?

Write a sentence which describes the process of HOW they eat.