

Text Structure and Language Features: Example 2

Text Structure - Information report

General statement - identifies and classifies the subject

Description

SEAWEED

Seaweeds are algae. There are many different kinds of seaweed. Some grow only at one time of the year. Others grow all year round.

There are three main colour groups of seaweeds: red, green and brown. Green seaweeds are always found near water, usually close to the shoreline. Brown seaweeds are kelps. Kelps grow in the sea. They can look like huge seaforests. Red seaweeds can be many shades of this colour.

People use seaweeds for a variety of purposes. These include food, such as sushi or soup. Extracts from seaweed make ice cream smooth. Other uses are in medicine, paint and shampoo.

Language Features

Use of general nouns, e.g. shoreline

Use of timeless present typical of much scientific writing, e.g. grow

Use of relating verbs, e.g. is, are

Use of detailed noun groups to build up description, e.g. many different kinds, three main colour groups

Use of sentences and statements throughout