

Text Structure and Language Features: Example 1



Text Structure - Information Report

General statement - identifies and classifies the subject

Description - includes location, size, population and climate

BANGLADESH

Bangladesh is a country in Asia.

It is in the Northern Hemisphere between the longitudes 88°E and 93°E. The nearest ocean is the Indian Ocean. Dacca is the capital city.

The total area is 144 000 square kilometres and the population is 120 million. Ninety-five per cent of the people are Muslim and five per are other religions.

The climate is hot in summer and cool in winter.

Language Features

Timeless present used, typical of much scientific writing, e.g. is, are, has

Use of adverbial phrases, e.g. in Asia, in summer

Adjectives used to describe, e.g. capital, hot, cool

Sentences and statements used throughout

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

Use of conjunctions, e.g. and