

# English Lesson 8

Writing the first bit of our non-chronological report.

LO: To use relative clauses



Which sentence includes a relative clause?  
How do you know?

- A horse has four legs.
- Interestingly, a camel has two humps, which they use to store water.
- Badgers are nocturnal, which means they are awake and hunt at night.
- The bear has brown fur.

So far, we have designed our own alien creature and made notes all around it about where it lives, what it eats and so on....

Today we are going to be writing the first two paragraphs of our fact file - introduction and appearance.

We really want you to add lots of detail when you are writing - no simple sentences! A good way to do is to include relative clauses - you could use them to explaining what these features help your creature to do and so on.

- See next slide for an example....

## The Sprot Gozzler

On September 25<sup>th</sup> 2019, deep in the middle of planet Neptune, scientists discovered a new form of life - the Sprot Gozzler. Dr Gervais, who is renowned for his in-depth knowledge of Neptune, was only able to spot the Sprot Gozzler due to the recent invention of the Exarus 1700 telescope, which enabled clear images of Neptune and this spectacular creature to be seen for the very first time. With these images, scientists were able to examine this extra-terrestrial being much closer than ever before.

### Appearance:

In order to camouflage itself, the Sprot Gozzler's skin is usually as blue as the surface of Neptune. Its skin is extremely tough and as rough as the coarsest sandpaper. This lumpy texture, which is visible from a fair distance, is extremely unattractive and - to the Sprot Gozzler's relief - particularly unpleasant on the tongue. **Protruding from its bulbous head, are antennae with sensors down the side which the creature uses to guide itself around its surroundings.** This is very important because the Sprot Gozzler's eye sight is surprisingly rather poor. Nestled at the front of its head, blunt teeth are hidden behind the strong, vice-like mouth. **Underneath its body, there are seven legs that are used for not only movement but also gathering food.** As the Sprot Gozzler enters adulthood, it will cease growing when it reaches 1.6m in length and 34kg in weight.

Why do you think those sentences are in red? Which skill are they showing?