

KEY STAGE 2 ENGLISH

The Crocoraffe

Scientists have bred a new kind of animal called a Crocoraffe by crossing a crocodile and a giraffe.

Invent your own new species by crossing 2 animals.

Write an encyclopaedia entry describing your animal. Write about what it looks like, habitat (where it lives), behaviour and personality, diet.

It should:

- Have a title that introduces the subject or tempts the reader, e.g. 'UFOs - do they exist?'
- Be in the present tense, e.g. *eagles nest at high altitudes...*
- Be in the 3rd person.
- Be written in non-chronological order (not in any particular order)
- Have separate topics in separate paragraphs (e.g. a paragraph on habitat, another of diet).
- Include facts to interest the reader.
- Have a glossary to explain technical or subject specific vocabulary.

Use different resources to gather information - interviews, CD ROMS, internet, encyclopaedia, magazines, TV programmes, etc.

Reports are factual but you could add in comments, use questions to get the reader involved with the subject matter, or directly speak to the reader, e.g. *You may have wondered why sloths hang upside down. Well, the reason that they...*

Save up an amazing fact for the end, e.g. *the most amazing thing about...*