Worked example - a sample fact file. Write about your own topic.

Fact file

Hedgehogs

Topic	Hedgehogs	**Name**	Sam
Class	Year 4	**Date**	16/11/2026

Quick facts

Question	Answer
What is it?	A small spiny mammal
Where does it live?	Gardens, hedgerows and woodland in the UK
What does it eat?	Insects, worms and slugs
How big is it?	About 25 cm long
How long does it live?	A few years in the wild

Tell me more

Hedgehogs sleep through the winter. This is called hibernation.

They roll into a tight ball when they feel in danger, so their spines point outwards.

Hedgehogs mostly come out at night to look for food.

You can help them by leaving a small gap in your garden fence and keeping a pile of leaves.

Amazing fact
A hedgehog has thousands of spines on its back.

Where I found out School library book and a wildlife website

How to use this template

A fact file collects the most important facts about one topic on a single page. It is a good way to practise research and short writing.

1. **Choose your topic.** An animal, a place, a person, a planet or anything you are curious about.
2. **Find your facts.** Use books and websites a teacher or parent has approved.
3. **Fill in the quick facts.** Answer each question in a few words.
4. **Write in your own words.** Do not copy sentences from the book or website.
5. **Add your sources.** Write down where you found the facts.