

The Perfect Garden

Learning objective: To understand the structure and features of a persuasive text

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

Imagine you have a big garden in your backyard. Pip the bookworm loves to read in a quiet and peaceful environment. She thinks that a garden with lots of trees and flowers would be the perfect place. 'Let's plant more trees!' Pip exclaimed. 'Trees provide shade and absorb pollution,' she said. 'And they're so good for the environment!' Pip continued. 'Plus, they make the garden look really nice.' Max the monkey agreed. 'I love maths puzzles, and trees have so many interesting shapes and patterns!' Ellie the elephant added, 'I think it's really important to plant flowers, too. They attract bees and butterflies, and it's lovely to watch them.' Bea the bee chimed in, 'I completely agree! Bees need flowers to collect nectar and make honey.' The group was convinced that a garden with lots of trees and flowers would be the best choice.

Word bank: persuasive · convinced · important · reasons · opinion · believe

1. What do Pip and Max think are good about planting trees? (2 marks)

2. Why do Bea and Ellie think it's a good idea to plant flowers? (2 marks)

3. Do you think a garden with lots of trees and flowers would be a good idea? Why/why not? (4 marks)

4. What feature of a tree do you think is interesting? (1 mark)

5. What are two important reasons for planting trees? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of your dream garden and include at least two trees and some flowers.



Extension challenge: Write a short persuasive text about why you think a garden with a pond would be a great idea.