

Max's Persuasive Puzzles: The Art of Convincing

Learning objective: To identify and apply features of persuasive writing, including rhetorical questions, emotive language, and modal verbs.

Help Max the monkey solve these persuasive writing puzzles! Read each question carefully and choose the best answer to help convince your audience.

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.True, 3.A, 4.False, 5.Rhetorical, 6.B, 7.Modal, 8.True, 9.Emotive, 10.B

Word bank: Emotive language · Rhetorical question · Modal verb · Exaggeration · Evidence · Direct address · Opinion

1. 1. Which of these is a rhetorical question? A) Why are you eating that? B) How many bananas do you have? C) Could you really live without this amazing offer?* D) Do you like math? (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Persuasive writing often uses emotive language to make the reader feel a specific emotion. (True/False) (1 mark)

3. 3. Which word is an example of a modal verb? A) Should* B) Apple C) Quickly D) Jump (1 mark)

4. 4. True or False: You should never use facts or statistics in a persuasive argument. (True/False) (1 mark)

5. 5. What term describes a question asked to make a point rather than to get an answer? (1 word) (1 mark)

6. 6. Which phrase uses direct address? A) Everyone loves cake. B) You deserve the best experience today!* C) Cake is delicious. D) Some people like cake. (1 mark)

7. 7. What type of verb shows possibility or necessity, such as 'must' or 'might'? (1 word) (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: Using 'we' can help include the reader and make them feel part of the argument. (True/False) (1 mark)

9. 9. If I describe a rainy day as 'miserable and gloomy', what technique am I using? (1 word) (1 mark)

10. 10. Why is a 'call to action' used at the end of a persuasive text? A) To tell a story. B) To tell the reader what to do next.* C) To ask about the weather. D) To list facts. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a poster for a 'Magical Treehouse' using one persuasive slogan and a picture of Max the monkey pointing to it.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph (3-4 sentences) persuading your classmates to take better care of the school library. Use at least one rhetorical question and one modal verb.