

Max's Super School Trip

Learning objective: To identify persuasive language techniques in a short text.

Read the text carefully. Use the word bank to help you understand the tricky words. Answer the questions in the boxes provided.

Max the monkey has a brilliant plan! He wants our class to visit the Deep Blue Aquarium. Max says, 'It is the most wonderful place on Earth! You will see colourful fish and clever dolphins swimming in the clear water. Everyone knows that seeing things in real life is much better than reading a book. Don't you want to be an explorer? If we go, we will learn amazing facts from the aquarium experts. It will be the best day of the year! We have worked so hard this term, so we deserve a fun treat. Please, let us go on this spectacular adventure. Imagine how much we will learn about the ocean. It is a once-in-a-lifetime chance to see the wonders of the sea. Sign the list today!' Max is sure that if we all ask our teacher politely, we might just get to go. He has even made a chart to show how much it will cost per person: only £5.00. That is a small price for such a big adventure!

Word bank: Persuade: to talk someone into doing something · Adventure: an exciting trip · Wonderful: very good · Expert: someone who knows a lot

1. How much does the aquarium trip cost per person? (1 mark)

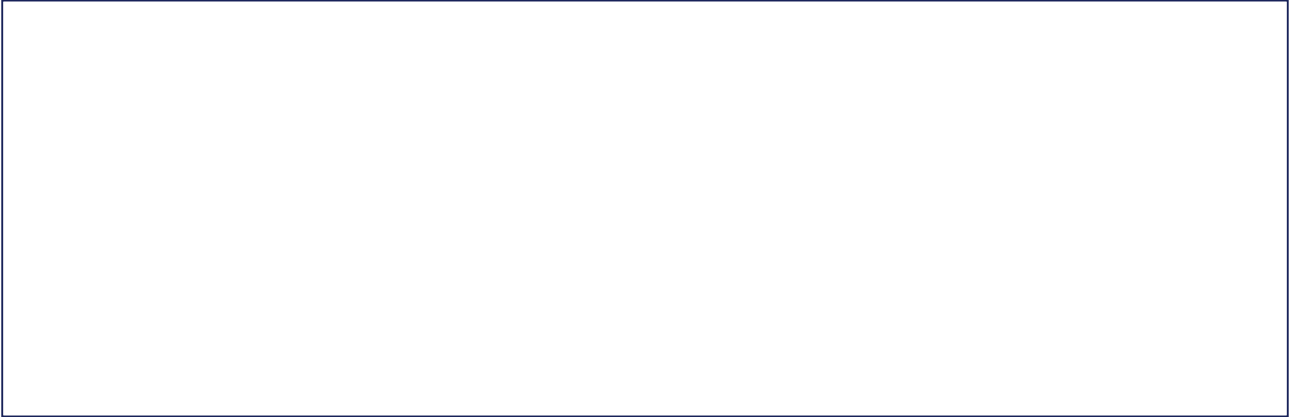
2. What two animals does Max mention we might see at the aquarium? (2 marks)

3. Why does Max think we deserve to go on this trip? (2 marks)

4. Why is Max using exciting words like 'spectacular' and 'wonderful'? (2 marks)

5. Do you think Max's letter would make a teacher want to go? Explain why. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey standing next to a sign that says 'Visit the Aquarium' with colourful fish around him.



Extension challenge: Write one persuasive sentence to help Max convince your teacher to go on the trip. Start your sentence with: 'We should go because...'