

Class 5 English Assessment: The Art of the Speech

Learning objective: To demonstrate understanding of speech-writing techniques, including persuasive devices, formal tone, and structural features.

Read the following short speech written by Leo the Lion, who is campaigning to become the President of the Great Forest Council. Then, answer the questions that follow. Use your best handwriting and check your spelling.

Friends of the forest, look around you. Do we want our beautiful meadow to become a dusty car park? No! We deserve a home that is green, vibrant, and safe. I promise to plant ten new trees for every one lost, to protect our crystal-clear streams, and to ensure every creature has a voice. We must act now, we must act together, and we must act with courage. Will you join me in making our forest flourish once again?

Word bank: Rhetorical question · Emotive language · Repetition · Direct address · Formal tone · Persuasive · Alliteration

1. Identify one example of a rhetorical question from the text. Why does Leo use this technique? (2 marks)

2. Find an example of the rule of three (triplet) in the final paragraph. What effect does this have on the listener? (3 marks)

3. Select one piece of emotive language used by Leo. Explain why it is effective for persuading his audience. (2 marks)

4. Why is it important to use 'direct address' (e.g., 'Friends of the forest') when writing a speech? (2 marks)

5. Look at the phrase 'crystal-clear streams'. Identify the linguistic feature used here and suggest one other example of it that Leo could use in his speech. (3 marks)

6. Imagine you are running against Leo for the Council. Write a short opening paragraph (4-6 sentences) for your own speech. You must include at least one rhetorical question and one example of repetition to engage your audience. (8 marks)

7. If Leo wanted to raise money to plant his new trees, he decides to sell 'Forest Hero' badges for £2.50 each. If he sells 100 badges, how much money will he have raised for the project? (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a poster that Leo might hang up in the forest to support his speech. Include a catchy slogan that uses alliteration.



Extension challenge: Total: /25