

Max's Persuasive Puzzles: The Art of Influence

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

Help Max the monkey master the art of persuasion! Read the questions carefully and select the best technique or answer to convince the reader. Good luck, Year 5!

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

Extension guidance: Look for clear structure, use of 'must/should', and emotive vocabulary to convince the reader.

Word bank: Emotive · Rhetorical · Exaggeration · Modal verbs · Opinion · Statistics · Alliteration · Imperative

1. Which of these is an example of emotive language? A) The cat sat on the mat. B) The calculation is finished. C) The defenceless, shivering puppy desperately needs a warm home. D) I like bananas. (Select A/B/C/D) (1 mark)

2. True or False: A rhetorical question is a question asked to make a point rather than to get an answer. (1 mark)

3. What type of question is this: 'How long can we stand by and watch our local park turn into a rubbish tip?' (1 mark)

4. Which word is a modal verb often used to show necessity? A) Must B) Quickly C) Brightly D) Running (Select A/B/C/D) (1 mark)

5. True or False: Persuasive writing should always be written in the third person (he/she/it). (1 mark)

6. What type of verb is used in the command: 'Join our campaign today!'? (1 mark)

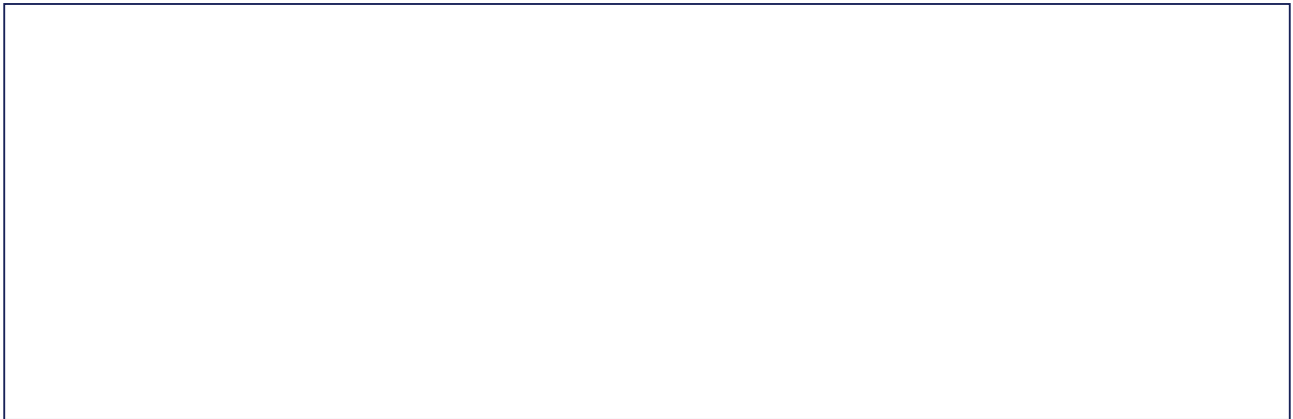
7. True or False: Using statistics (facts and figures) can make an argument seem more reliable. (1 mark)

8. Fill in the blank: 'We _____ act now before it is too late!' (Use a modal verb of obligation). (1 mark)

9. Which technique uses the same starting sound in words for effect? A) Onomatopoeia B) Alliteration C) Simile D) Metaphor (Select A/B/C/D) (1 mark)

10. What technique is used in the sentence: 'This is the most incredible, world-changing invention in the history of the universe'? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a vibrant, eye-catching poster for a 'Save the Rainforest' campaign. Include a bold headline and a small bubble showing Max the monkey holding a sign with a persuasive slogan.



Extension challenge: Greater Depth Challenge: 1) Explain why emotive language is more effective than factual language when trying to change someone's opinion. 2) Compare and contrast how you would write a persuasive letter to your Headteacher versus a persuasive speech to your peers. 3) Justify why using a 'rule of three' (e.g., 'fast, friendly, and fair') helps a reader remember your argument. 4) What might happen if a persuasive text contained only opinions and no facts? 5) Write a persuasive paragraph (50-70 words) arguing that every child should learn to play a musical instrument. 6) Identify a time when you were persuaded to change your mind; what specific words or arguments did the person use?