Mastering the Art of the Speech: A Quiz with Leo the Lion

Learning objective: To identify and apply key features of persuasive speech writing, including rhetorical devices and structural techniques suitable for Year 6.

Leo the Lion is preparing to give a speech to the forest council about protecting the Great Oak. Help him refine his writing by answering these 10 questions. Choose the best answer or write your response clearly.

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.True, 3.False, 4.A, 5.Direct address, 6.B, 7.True, 8.Rule of three, 9.False, 10.B

Word bank: Rhetorical question · Emotive language · Repetition · Direct address · Rule of three · Tone · Persuasive

1. 1. Which of these is the best way to open a speech to grab the audience's attention? A) 'Hello, today I am talking.' B) 'I like trees.' C) 'Have you ever wondered what our world would look like without our ancient forests?'* D) 'Trees are green.' (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Emotive language is used to make the audience feel a specific emotion about the topic. (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: You should use long, complicated sentences that are difficult for the audience to follow. (1 mark)

4. 4. Which of these uses the 'Rule of Three'? A) 'We must protect, preserve, and cherish our home.'* B) 'We must protect our home.' C) 'We need to look after the forest.' D) 'Trees are nice.' (1 mark)

5. 5. What term describes using the word 'you' or 'your' to speak directly to the audience? (1 mark)

6. 6. Why might a speaker use repetition? A) To make the speech shorter. B) To emphasise a key point or message.* C) Because they forgot what to say. D) To make the audience laugh. (1 mark)

7. 7. True or False: A speech should have a clear structure with an introduction, main body points, and a conclusion. (1 mark)

8. 8. Identify the technique: 'It is time to be brave, time to be bold, and time to be heard.' (1 mark)

9. 9. True or False: It is not important to consider your audience's age when writing a speech. (1 mark)

10. 10. What should the conclusion of a speech do? A) Introduce a brand new topic. B) Summarise main points and leave the audience with a final thought.* C) Tell a joke. D) Stop abruptly. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw Leo the Lion standing on a wooden podium in a forest clearing, holding his speech notes with a confident expression as the other animals listen intently.

Extension challenge: Leo needs to raise £50 for the 'Save the Forest' charity. Write a persuasive paragraph using at least two rhetorical questions to convince the other animals to donate their pocket money.