

Y4 Persuasive Writing

KS2 Y4 English · Follows the national curriculum

Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

1. Worked example

Write a clear opinion sentence: should children have longer playtimes?

Step 1 · Decide your side

Yes

Step 2 · Say it confidently, without 'maybe'

Children should definitely have longer playtimes.

Answer: Children should definitely have longer playtimes.

Check: Strong words: definitely, certainly, must, should.

2. Now try one with the steps

Back up the opinion with a reason and evidence

Step 1 · Reason (use because)

Step 2 · Evidence (a fact or example)

Answer:

3. Practice

Have a go at each one. There is space underneath to work it out.

1. What is the purpose of persuasive writing?

2. What is a rhetorical question?

3. Turn this into a rhetorical question: 'Everyone likes sunny days.'

4. Make this more emotive: 'The beach was dirty.'

5. Which word makes an opinion stronger: maybe, definitely, perhaps?

6. Write a reason using 'because': 'We should have a school pet...'

7. Is this a fact or an opinion? 'Hedgehogs eat beetles.'

8. Is this a fact or an opinion? 'Hedgehogs are the cutest animals.'

9. Write an opening sentence for a leaflet persuading people to visit a museum.

10. Give three reasons why children should read every day.

11. Write a fronted adverbial to introduce your second reason.

12. Write a concluding sentence for a letter asking for a new playground.

13. What is wrong with this persuasive sentence? 'I don't really mind, but maybe we could go to the zoo.'

14. Write a short paragraph persuading your family to have a games night. Use a rhetorical question and a reason with 'because'.

4. Before you hand it in

Sitting on the fence: 'Some people like it and some don't.'

State your view at the start and stick to it.

Opinion with no reasons: 'Homework is bad. It's really bad.'

Give a reason and evidence: 'because it leaves less time for exercise and family.'

Using rhetorical questions in every sentence.

Use one or two where they have most effect, such opening or ending.

Being rude to the reader: 'Only an idiot would disagree.'

Stay polite and positive: 'I hope you will agree that...'