

Y4 Week 10 - Persuasive Texts

LO: To use rhetorical questions in my persuasive letter

Rhetorical questions are questions that *do not need an answer* but instead are asked and included in persuasive texts for *effect*.

Rhetorical questions can be used:

- to persuade a reader
- to make a point, not find out actual information
- to make the reader think

Rhetorical question starters

Do you think that...?

Is it not time to...?

Have you ever thought about...?

Did you know...?

Does anyone really believe that...?

Have you ever...?

Is it any wonder that...?

Is it not clear that...?

Is it not the case that...?

Can you imagine...?

1) Is the question rhetorical or not?

a) How many students are in class today?

RHETORICAL

NOT RHETORICAL

b) Is it fair that millions of people are starving all over the world?

RHETORICAL

NOT RHETORICAL

c) Is it not clear that I would like to win this race?

RHETORICAL

NOT RHETORICAL

d) May I please go to the mall this evening?

RHETORICAL

NOT RHETORICAL

2) Match the rhetorical question to the topic.

Young children should not be allowed to watch TV.

Who doesn't enjoy eating ice cream by the beach on a warm, sunny day?

Summer is the best season of the year.

How would you feel about being kept locked up in a cage, with barely any space to move about?

School uniforms should be banned.

Did you know that early exposure to TV can damage a child's eye health?

It is cruel to keep animals in cages.

Wouldn't you love to wear whatever you wanted to school every day?

3) Write your own rhetorical question for these topics:

a) Using devices at school can distract students.

b) Devices allow students to become independent learners.