

# Persuasive Devices



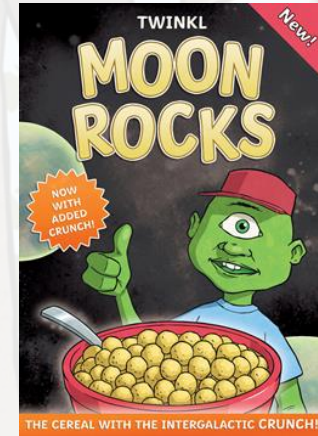


# Persuasive Devices

Persuasive devices are language features typically used in a persuasive piece of text.

A written persuasive text is intended to persuade the reader to think in a particular way.

This can be achieved by using persuasive devices/techniques.



# Persuasive Devices

**A**lliteration

**F**acts

**O**pinions

**R**epetition (& **R**hetorical Questions)

**E**motive Language (& **E**xaggeration)

**S**tatistics

**T**hree (rule of)



# Alliteration

Alliteration is the stylistic device of using a series of words that begin with the same sound.



**W**alking **w**ombats **w**obble.

A **p**articularly **p**erfect **p**izza!



# Alliteration

Can you think of an alliterative phrase which includes an animal or pet?

Think about how they act, what they look like, how they move, sounds they make, their environment etc.

For example:  
The cute cuddly koala came close quickly.

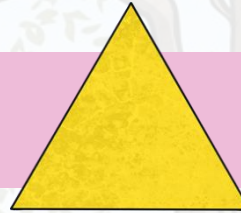




# Facts

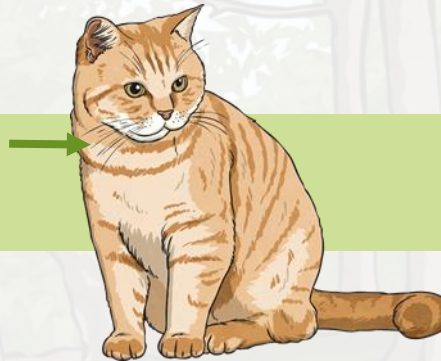
A fact is something which is truthful and can be proven.  
Facts can be used to support a point being made.

A triangle has three straight sides.



**FACT**

Cats have whiskers.



**FACT**

People need water to survive.

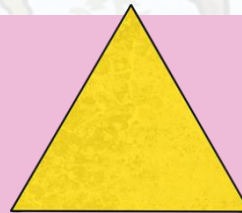


**FACT**

# Facts

An opinion is someone's point of view of/about something that is not based on fact or knowledge.

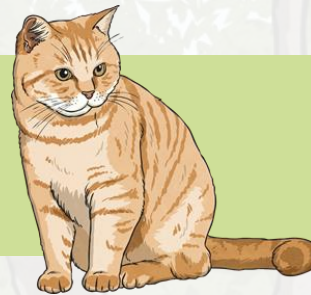
A triangle has three straight sides.  
Triangles are easy to draw.



**FACT**

**OPINION**

Cats have whiskers.  
Cats are cute.



**FACT**

**OPINION**

People need water to survive.  
You need to drink 2-3 litres of water each day to survive.



**FACT**

**OPINION**



# Facts and Opinions



Discuss and list the facts and opinions relating to the pictures.

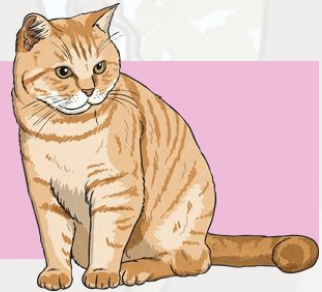




# Repetition

To repeat the same thing more than once. This can be done by repeating the words or sentence in the same way:

**Cats are the best!** They make great pets and are very friendly, **cats are the best.**



or

the meaning can be retained but stated in a different way using the same words:

**Cats are the best!** They make great pets and are very friendly. You should choose a **cat** because they make the **best** pets.

# Repetition

Imagine you are trying to sell some cupcakes.  
How can you use repetition to get this point across?

These cupcakes are delicious.



Try repeating the words and then restating  
what you are saying in a different way.



# Rhetorical Questions

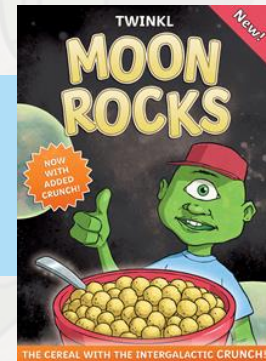
A rhetorical question is one that does not require an answer.

Can you really afford to ignore this warning?



Will you let this bargain pass you by?

How will you ever forgive yourself if you don't buy this product?

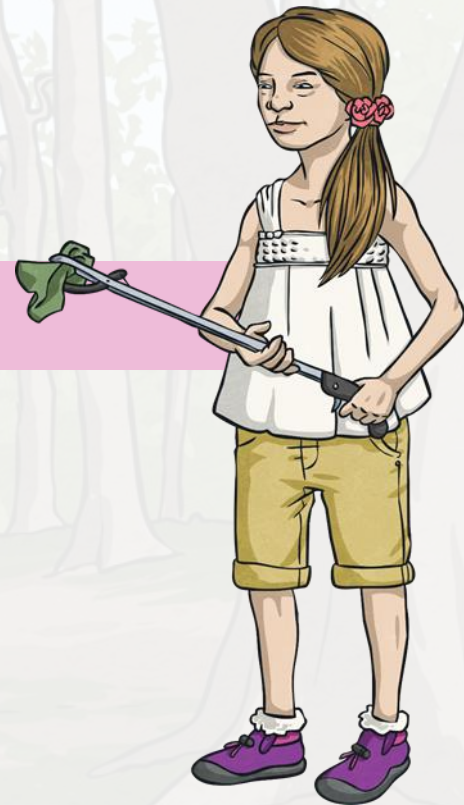


# Rhetorical Questions

If you were trying to persuade the reader in a particular way, what rhetorical questions could you ask about this topic?



People waste so much food.





# Emotive Language

Sometimes writers deliberately choose words to be emotive.

Emotive language means words that create an emotion in the reader.

How does this make you feel? What are the emotive words?

After Christmas every year, there are thousands of abandoned puppies left to wander the streets, scared and alone.

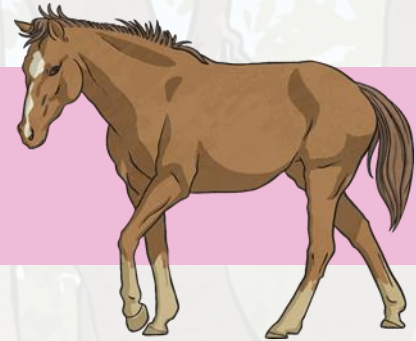
Only your support can rescue them.



# Exaggeration

A statement/information that is untrue or over the top.

I could eat a horse I'm that hungry!



I will explode if I am asked to do that again!

The motorbike travelled faster than the speed of light.



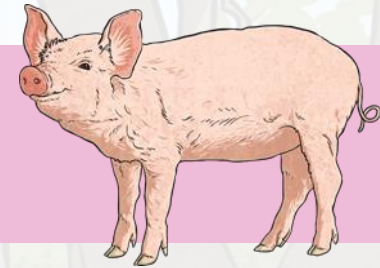


# Exaggeration

Use the words below to create your own exaggerated statement.

happy

I was as happy as a pig in mud.



bored

I was so bored I could have died!



Can you think of any other exaggerated statements you have heard used?

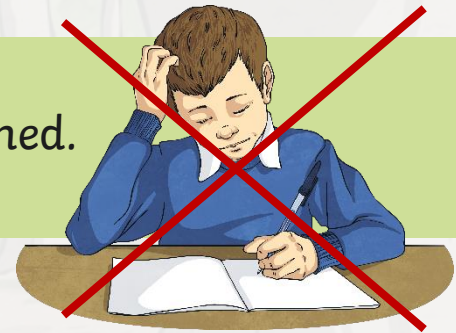
# Statistics

Factual data used to convince the reader.

95% of people agreed it was the best pizza they had ever tasted.



85% of children believe homework should be abolished.



What data could you use if you were trying to persuade people to eat healthily?



# Three (rule of)

It is believed that a person is more likely to remember things if they are grouped in three.

**“Stop, look and listen when crossing the road.”**

1

2

3



When using this in persuasive writing choose an order so the word having the biggest impact is at the end.

Twinkl chocolate is **smooth, velvety and tastes divine!**

1

2

3



# Three (rule of)

Create your own Rule of Three text for one of the pictures/text below.



homework





The background is a colorful illustration of a forest. In the foreground, there are several large, light-colored tree trunks. The ground is covered with green grass and some brown patches. In the background, there are more trees with green and yellow leaves, suggesting a sunny day. A semi-transparent white box with rounded corners is centered in the image, containing the text.

**Try to remember these for  
tomorrow's English lesson!**





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