



Y3 Spring 1.2

Write to persuade: Letter



Purpose: To persuade the reader to think something



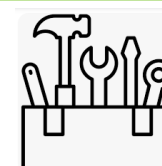
Key features

Structural:

- Introduction to explain what the letter is about
- Paragraphs: each with a point and then elaboration to explain that point
- A conclusion to sum up your persuasive points

Language:

- Rhetorical questions: What's the point of going out at night anyway?
- Emotive language: incredibly dangerous
- Facts and statistics to back up your point: over 90% of accidents occur at night
- Second person to talk directly to the reader: you



Writer's toolbox

Subordinating conjunctions

When the sun goes down, there are scary noises like rustling, snapping and howling.
If you go out in the dark, you don't know who is out there.

Alan Peat:

the more, the more sentence

Example: The more I think about it, the more I realise just how dangerous the dark is.

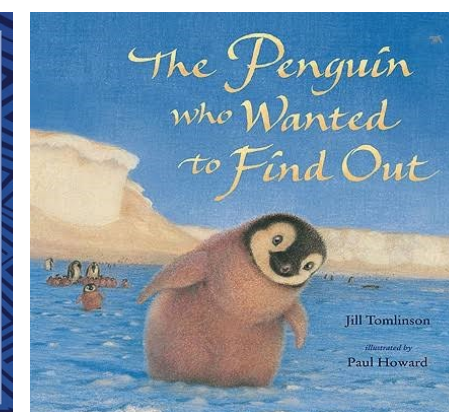
Punctuation:

Remember to use question marks at the end of a rhetorical question.
Remember to use apostrophes for contractions: don't, can't

Vocabulary:

Terrifying Snuggled
Incredibly dangerous Irrational
Venture Accompany

Recommended reads



Dear Mum & Dad,

I am writing this letter to tell you that unfortunately I will not be able to come out hunting at night with you because the dark is terrifying and I am going to tell you why.

Firstly, the dark is scary. At night time, it is so dark that you can't even see your own hand or where you are going. When the sun goes down, there are scary noises like rustling, snapping and howling. If you go out in the dark, you don't know who is out there. It is much safer to stay snuggled up at home where it is safe.

Secondly, the dark is incredibly dangerous. Because you can't see where you're going, it is very likely that you could fall over and injure yourself. Over 90% of all outdoor accidents happen at night so it would be completely irrational to venture out once the sun goes down.

Finally, the dark is boring. Everything that is fun like soft play or zoos or swimming pools close at night time which means that there isn't anything exciting to do. Unless you have a magic key, you won't be able to access any of these fun places. What is the point of going out at night when everything is shut anyway?

The more I think about it, the more I realise just how dangerous the dark is. I hope you will understand my reasons and will not ask me to accompany you anymore.

Love,

Plop

