

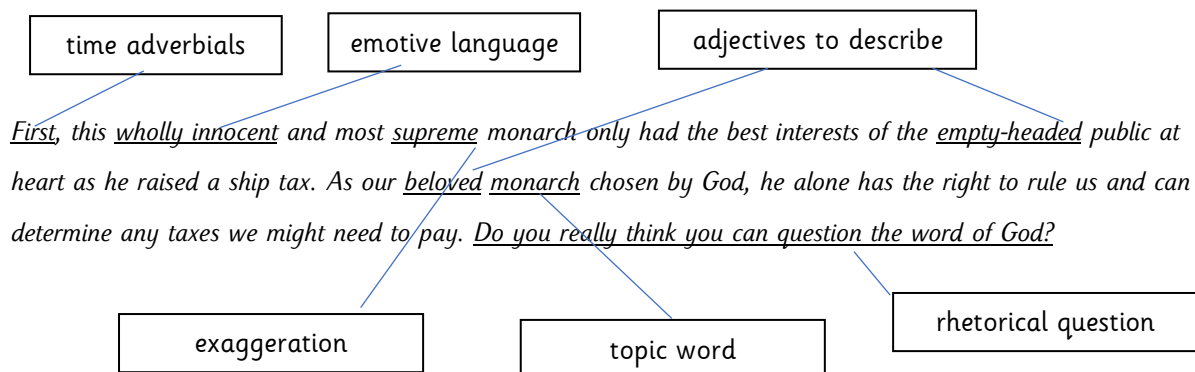
Homework due in: Wednesday 28th June

Friday 23rd June

Target: To write a persuasive argument

This week we have been learning about persuasive writing – particularly how to write a persuasive letter to convince your reader to act a certain way. Features include: exaggeration, rhetorical questions, emotive language, time adverbials, paragraphs, adjectives to describe favourably/ unfavourably and topic related words.

For example, the writing below is heavily persuasive against the beheading of King Charles I.



A further example:

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have recently been informed that The Big Bad Wolf will stand trial next month. I am writing to you to request that you eradicate this tyrannical monster from our world and rightly put him in prison. I am confident that, upon understanding the consequences that your actions could have, you will have no other option but to lock him up where he rightfully belongs.

Firstly, it is instantly clear to anyone who meets The Big Bad Wolf that he is an awful person, inside and out. Despite claiming to be a leader, he is extremely self-centred and does not care about anyone else's opinions in the forest. Do you want to be at fault for allowing this selfish beast to wreak havoc on our local area with his rash and unhealthy decisions?

Secondly, he believes that he alone was destined to be leader of the forest and that therefore no one else should be allowed to have their say. Surely you can agree with me that this is not very democratic and will inevitably result in uproar from the locals?

Furthermore, it is undisputable that The Big Bad Wolf is trying to change the forest too much. For many years, we have lived in tranquillity within our rules and regulations and yet time and time again, he attempts to change our very beliefs to match his own. The residents quiver in fear at the thought of this evil creature ruining their lives by insisting that they all hate little girls with red hoods.

Additionally, it cannot be forgotten that The Big Bad Wolf is currently charging the forest residents double the land rent that they paid before he became leader of the forest. Surely, you can

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understand that taking this money away from poor animals could be life-threatening to them and their families?

Ultimately, The Big Bad Wolf is an incapable leader who should be locked up for his treason against the forest. In brief, with your honest judgement of the case that I have presented you with today, I am confident that you will make the right decision by imprisoning him for the immediate future and beyond. You would be saving many lives and bringing joy back to the dark forest once more. In conclusion, I am sure that you will agree that my arguments provide enough evidence for you to make the right decision and I implore you restore our faith in the world again by relieving the forest from this appalling, obnoxious and selfish leader once and for all.

Yours faithfully,
The Third Little Pig



Use these persuasive writing techniques to write a few short paragraphs/ a full letter with a view to **persuading your parents to let you stay up later on the weekend!** We look forward to hearing your most convincing arguments with supporting evidence/ reasons as to why you think this would be the best idea!

Good luck!

The Year 4 team 😊