












Planning your persuasive letter

Today you will be planning a persuasive letter from the baby orang-utan to the foresters that are cutting down their home. You will need to refer back to a lot of your learning from the previous weeks, as this is a chance to show off all of your knowledge and skills! The most relevant ones to look at will be:

Week 6 - Tuesday - Cut up answer sheet Week 7 - completed knowledge organiser, Week 8 - Facts and opinions

If you don't have your copy, you can find them on the home learning webpage.












	Dear perfect parents,		
	Why should I have a puppy? What makes me think I can look after one? I know we've had this conversation before and I agree with you that I wasn't really ready at the time I last asked.	FACT	OPINION
	However, a lot of time has passed since and I have matured quite a bit. Not only that, but I think there are many reasons why I should be allowed to have a dog.	The rainforest is the home of over 30 million species of plants and animals.	An overwhelming amount of animals and plant species are lucky enough to call the rainforest their home and place of safety.
	Did you know that having a dog would teach and encourage me to be responsible for something? The first and most obvious responsibility is that the developing puppy would need to be cared for. Pets need to be fed, they need regular exercise and close companionship.	Sometimes, forests are lost because people want to make cities bigger: this means building roads and buildings on the land where the forests are.	The rainforest is the beating heart of the world.
	I can do all of these now - you know how I love to run. I can take him with me. And yes, I know that I will also have to take care of when he 'does his business' (I have rubber gloves and I am prepared for that too!)	Every minute, a forest the size of 20 football pitches is cut down.	Deforestation promotes growth and development of the nation's society. It supports evolution.
	I know you sometimes feel a bit guilty because you are so busy and that you feel you neglect my needs, so a dog would help ease this burden. Surely, you would be safe in the knowledge that I am having fun and not just sitting around the house, bored and inactive on my PlayStation.	Forests provide most of the world's oxygen.	Deforestation is carving up the landscape and ripping apart the homes of many species.
	Are you aware that recent studies have shown that having a dog will actually improve the well-being of all family members? In Sweden, work has shown that young children who live with dogs are 50% less likely to develop allergies, asthma and eczema.	A lot of deforestation is caused by the removal of all the trees from a forest for wood or fuel.	The rainforest can provide warmth and fuel for all of society.
	I could go on and on (but I know that will annoy you), so here is a short list of other reasons why a dog would be good for all of us.		The rainforest is being cremated for human comfort - what about the animals?
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It provides fun & laughter at the end of a hard day - a dog will always be pleased to see you! We can practise our reading to the dog, when you are too busy. The house will be protected, as we will have a guard dog. If we got one from the shelter, you would be doing something good for society. 		Loggers are slaying large land masses at an alarming rate.
	You may still not be entirely certain, but let me assure you that I am more mature now. The fact is I am most definitely ready for this responsibility and I would like you to acknowledge this by adding a dog to our family.		
	Yours most appreciatively, Eager Ed		

Can you remember making a boring letter more interesting? I have copied it into the planning template on the next page. It is your job to look back at the 'Please can I have a dog' letter and the types of information you need to put into it and create a plan for the letter from the orang-utan.

If the dog letter had *Are you aware that recent studies have shown that having a dog will actually improve the well-being of all family members?* you may then in your plan have *Are you aware that if you continue at the rate you are going, there will be no rainforests left in 100 years time?*

If the dog letter had *I know you feel a bit guilty because you are so busy and that you feel you neglect my needs, so a dog would help ease this burden*, you may then in your plan have *I know you feel like you need to do this for the benefit of your family, to feed and clothe them - but at the expense of our lives?*

You can choose to keep the parts of the orang-utan letter, if you wish, or change some of the language. Or, you can start from a completely blank plan. The choice is yours! Use one of the 2 following pages provided.

 <p>who the letter is to</p>	Dear ferocious fellers
 <p>what the issue/problem is</p>	Where have you come from? Why are you in our precious forest? You don't live here.
 <p>link sentence to reasons why</p>	
 <p>most obvious reason</p>	You've invaded my home, cremated our trees, and ripped my world apart. You have made me feel worthless. The forest and the trees are my precious home!
 <p>proof that you are affected</p>	I am desolate, now that you have torn my mother from me. As a result of your mindless actions, I am abandoned and alone. Not to mention confused as to what I do now.
 <p>what the letter writer knows about both sides</p>	
 <p>facts and statistics</p>	
 <p>link sentence to list of reasons</p>	
 <p>list of reasons</p>	
 <p>summary of what you would like</p>	The real truth is, I would like for you and your menacing machinery to go away! Please leave us to grieve and grow again. Where do I go? This has made me extremely crest-fallen because I normally feel at peace as I swing from tree to tree.
 <p>signature</p>	Yours desperately Ostracized orang-utan



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