

Plastic Pollution- Persuasive Writing

CHALLENGE 1

Write an informal letter to your family explaining what the issues around using plastics are with the purpose of persuading them to reduce how much they use.

CHALLENGE 2

Write a formal letter to your head teacher explaining what the issues around using plastics are with the purpose of persuading them change school policy and reduce plastic use in school.

Your final letters should be handwritten and photographed. It is up to you whether your draft is on a computer or paper.

What will I be trying to learn to do (learning objective)

To be able to write accurately, fluently, effectively and at length for pleasure and information through:

- writing for a wide range of purposes and audiences, including arguments, and personal and formal letters
- summarising and organising material, and supporting ideas and arguments with any necessary factual detail
- applying their growing knowledge of vocabulary, grammar and text structure to their writing and selecting the appropriate form

How should I plan and structure my persuasive letters?

Paragraph	Description of content
Introduction	Introduce the problem that is explained in the text and outline what the purpose of the text is.
First main point and supporting evidence	Write a persuasive statement to describe one of the issues around using plastic. Back up your statement with at least one supporting piece of evidence.
Second main point	As above.
Third main point	As above.
Conclusion	Write a summary of your main points in the sentence and remind the reader of what the problem is and what should be done. DO NOT introduce anything new in your conclusion.

How successful is my writing?

I can:

- Show degrees of certainty using modal verbs (must, should, will, can, and opposites).
- Include rhetorical questions for impact.
- Select language for impact e.g. emotive words (create emotional reaction), stating my opinion as a fact.
- Structure my text cohesively using different adverbials and a variety of sentence types (short and simple, compound and complex).
- Draft and improve my text.
- Write neatly in legible, joined handwriting.

If you've forgotten what any of the grammar terminology means, check it here:

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/primary-grammar-glossary-for-parents>