

Do children have too
much homework?

Groups of three

When three adjectives or phrases are used together to make them stand out.

e.g. Homework is boring, dull and uninteresting.

Repetition

Words or phrases are repeated so that they stick in the reader's mind.

e.g. remember what it was like to be at school; remember how much work you had.

Superlatives

Words that show that something is the best or the most

*e.g. best, coolest, fastest, most wonderful,
best, most amazing, loveliest, freshest*

Emotive Language

When words are used to make the reader feel a certain emotion, like sadness or anger.

e.g. We are the poor, helpless children who are forced to do hours and hours of homework every night.

Exaggeration

When information is given that is over the top, or slightly untrue.

e.g. If I get one more piece of homework, I am going to move to the moon!

Rhetorical questions

Using questions that don't need an answer to get the audience to think.

e.g. Could you live with yourself if you missed out on this opportunity?

Do children have too much homework?

FOR

(yes they do!)

AGAINST

(no they don't!)

Too much time in the evening – want to relax!

Stops you from watching too much TV

Want to play games or watch TV

Get to stay up later to finish it

Need a chance to rest your brain to work hard in school the next day

Helps you achieve more in school

It can be boring or too hard

Homework can be fun

It can make you gain weight – no time to exercise

Dear Sir

I am writing to seek help in ridding my locality of a terrible pest. The Troll that lives under the bridge near my home is causing my family great distress.

Firstly, every time my sensitive wife trip-trots over the bridge, he leaps out and makes her jump out of her skin. He then rolls about laughing until green, slimy tears roll down his cheeks and he tumbles back into his den. Is this the behaviour of a reasonable citizen? I fear that if there are more incidents like this, my wife's heart will miss a beat and she will require expensive veterinary care.

In addition, when my vulnerable young kid skips down to the stream's edge for a refreshing sip of water, the hideous creature threatens to eat him. This is traumatising my son, causing him to have horrific nightmares. He is so nervous about approaching the river bank that there is a real possibility he will become dehydrated.

Furthermore, this monster's appalling behaviour is bringing down the value of land in this locality. Soon all the well-behaved, polite goats, who pay all their council tax on time, will be compelled to find fresh pastures. Surely you don't want this part of the countryside to be seen as a no-go area for respectable families.

I trust that you and your team of exterminators will be quick in acting to rid our beautiful valley of the delinquent Troll who takes such pleasure in terrorising my peace-loving family.

Yours faithfully

B.B.G.Gruff

Question to make people think

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Adjectives

Should schools cancel break time?

For

- Children would have more time to work.
- Staff would not need to go on duty.
- There would be no behaviour problems on the playground.
- School could finish earlier.
- There would be less arguments and falling out.

Against

- Children need fresh air
- Children need a chance to relax and rest their brains
- Exercise
- Children need to be sociable and make friends outside of class
- want to play games and chat
- Teachers need a break too
- teachers need time to plan
- Toilet breaks

REMEMBER!!!

Question to make people think

Connectives

Exaggeration

Emotive language

Adjectives