

Writing sample 1 – Deforestation speech

Imagine you are a member of a tribe living in a rainforest. You have been asked to give a speech to a group of interested adults explaining the adverse effects of deforestation of the rainforests. Write the speech that you would give.

Writing sample 2 – My special person

Write a description of someone who is special to you. You should write about:

- their appearance;
- their personality;
- any important memories; and
- why you care about them.

Reading sample 1 – Virgin Balloons

How do these web pages persuade the reader to take a flight with Virgin Balloons? You should consider:

- how details are used;
- how words and phrases are used; and
- how presentational devices such as layout are used to persuade the reader.

Reading sample 2 – The Sniper

How does the writer create tension in the short story *The Sniper*?

You should consider how the writer uses:

- the setting;
- the characters;
- the words and phrases; and
- the sentence structures to create tension.

Deforestation speech

Hello my name is Chaska and I am from the mohoco tribe and I am hoping ladies and gentlemen that I might have a moment of your time to explain the importance of deforestations effect and how it's killing the earth and us.

Every second a hectare of land in the rain forest is burnt or cut down. From 1980 to 1990 an area the size of Wales was destroyed. Satellites have photographs have shown that on many occasions up to five thousand Individual fires are burning the rainforest and these and these fires release carbon dioxide that pollutes the atmosphere.

Every time a hectare of land is cut down from the rainforest twenty types of insects are killed five types of amphibians three types of bird and two types of mammal are also killed .all creatures in the rain forest are decreasing in vast numbers and some are becoming endangered some have decreased so rapidly the are now extinct .

Deforestation is ruining the rainforests beauty by turning it into a vast wasteland of burnt or demolished trees. Some tribes are even surrounded by farms that stretch for miles with nothing on them .the cities that have replaced the rainforests are polluting the water and the air.

Every time a tree from the rainforest is cut down it releases large amounts of carbon dioxide which in the long term increase the risk of global warming and decreases how many years we have left. If we are taking away the trees that also mean we might run out of oxygen.

Deforestation is quickly destroying possible for cures or illnesses like aids or in the long term preventing some types of cancers. Many plants have already been made extinct and now there is no way to tell if they could have helped us. Today scientists have discovered a new anti-biotic.

Deforestation is killing tribes, religions and even languages because the rainforest is getting smaller tribes are being forced to live in cities and splitting up tribes end lots of different cultures.420 languages have already been lost

These are just a few points of many that have shown the impact of deforestation. Please act fast before it's too late and we lose the beauty of the rainforest. Thank you for your time.

A Special Person

Do you want to know about a special person in my life? No, well too bad im going to tell you anyway. My special person in my life is my great Gran.

She was a Graceful Granny who had a life of ups and downs but didnt let her life get wasted.

She was tall with long brown curly hair, blue eyes and a smile that would stop a baby crying. She would always make you smile in the worst of times and she would always look happy. She loved old words and used them daily. She would always correct and you would always see a different side of her if you didnt follow her rules. But thats not why shes a special person to me. Shes a special person to me because she didnt let her life get wasted and lived every second of her life to the fullest.

She was born on 14th April 1900 into a middle class family. She would always tell me that after school she would wander down to a sweet shop called "sweet treat" and have tea with the manager Dorothy which was her mums friend. When she was twelve her and her family got tickets to go on the titanic but had to sell them because her father was sick. When she was twenty three she married a man called For their honeymoon they went to Canada where she met Ronald McDonald and rode on an elephant and she loved it. After their honeymoon he had to go off to war but before he went he got my Granny a puppy and said "If I die let this loving creature express the love I have for you." During the war he died of an infected wound.

After the funeral she turned over a new leaf
and stopped smoking and used the money from
the will and bought a boat to travel the world in.

It took her three months but she got her boat
and supplies and a map with a list of places she
was going to like Spain, Hawaii, Australia and America

In America she met a man named

who traveled from Ireland ^{to} America who she married
in Hawaii but had to cut the journey short because

she got pregnant. Over the next seven years

she had two sons and one daughter. She
died 16th May 2002

Assessment

The leaflet we have been given to evaluate is four web pages advertising "Virgin Balloon Flights" when I first looked at this advertisement I noticed.

This is presented as if it has been printed from the internet/web and it is interesting to look at. This creates the impression of a modern text which might attract a younger audience.

There is lots of information in this text and the writer uses a wide variety of persuasive techniques. The first technique I noticed is... the layout, the writer has made it easy to read by highlighting each heading in red bold text. The headings on the first page draw your attention to the type of balloon ride

available, the history of the pilots and further frequently asked questions ranging from length of time for each journey to the insurance provided.

The compact information would attract customers of all ages as one of the pictures shows a family, while other text relates to romantic couples taking a flight as it quotes in the text "If your dream is a romantic basket for two, taking off from an ancient castle,"

Virgin balloon flights boast "more choice than any other hot air balloon company in the world". This again would entice customers to use them.

The writer uses extensive vocabulary to describe the full balloon experience from "you might pick a leaf or two from the tops of

the trees as your pilot skilfully allows the basket to brush past them. Silently majestically, your balloon climbs beyond the tree tops. And then higher still". This makes the reader feel as if they are in the basket whilst the balloon is ascending.

I think overall the leaflet is very informative, extremely well laid out and attractive to the reader. The photographs are enticing and the booking facility is very clearly shown.

"The Sniper" assessment Question

The writers described the beginning of the story very well letting us know where it's happening, when it's happening and what's happening.

He stops the entire easy, calm start and raised the tension by saying that the sniper gets shot.

- He has made the sniper's character so real by giving us information about him e.g. he smokes, he drinks, he's a sniper, he hadn't eaten since breakfast.

The way the writer is keeping the enemy a secret and not telling you anything leaving him kind of mysterious.

- Using great description about his bullet wound telling us that it's 'oozing' blood and the arm is dead so he can't feel as much pain.

The way he changes the sniper's mood from an excited young killer to a saddened, and filled with remorse as "the lust of battle died in him."

The way the writer uses onomatopoeia and personification etc. to help describe his feelings after he has killed the enemy sniper.

The way he builds up the moment when he goes to see the face of the man he has killed only to find out that the enemy that he was so happy to have killed was his own brother.

How the writer uses short sentences in the story ~~to~~ to try and keep us on the edge of our seats e.g. "An insom-mer." "The turret opened."

When it returns to the calm easy moment before the big finale at the end. But before that everything goes quiet.

The way the armoured car is described as a "grey monster" and says that it pants like an animal "The Sniper could hear the dull panting of the motor."