

English Worksheet**Writing to Persuade: Class Pet**

In this worksheet, students complete a writing task that persuades their readers. The task can then be marked by an adult with the aid of the mark scheme included.

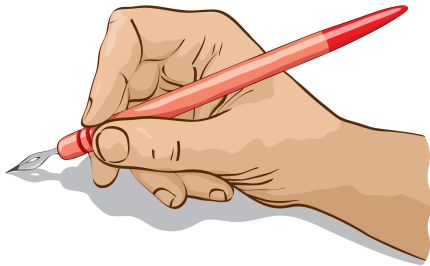
Key Information

Topic	Writing: What to Write
Level (1-3)	● ○ ○
Questions	1
Key Stage	KS 3
Year	7
Curriculum Coverage	Writing
Curriculum Skill	Consider Purpose of Own Writing

Name Date

Introduction

The following writing task has been devised to allow you to demonstrate your skill of **persuasion**.



You will need to **persuade** your audience by using techniques such as rhetorical questions, alliteration, rule of three, anecdote (short story), etc...

Think carefully about **WHO** your audience is and **WHAT** language would be most appropriate to use.

Give yourself about 45 minutes to complete this task.

QUESTIONS

Question 1



Your form tutor has decided that you can have a class pet. To decide which animal to choose, he has set up a competition.

Whoever writes him the most persuasive letter will win and can choose which animal to have as your class pet!

Write your teacher a letter to persuade them to choose the animal of your choice.

To be successful in this question:

- *Show you understand the correct format for writing a letter*
- *Minimum of 3 paragraphs (use PEA structure - make your point, explain your point, analyse your point)*
- *Use some persuasive devices*
- *Demonstrate a clear argument*
- *Pay attention to spelling, punctuation and grammar throughout*

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ANSWERS**Answer 1****Correct Answers**

Answers Explanation

An example of a response that would have gained full marks could be:
Dear Mr Tailor, Firstly, I would like to congratulate you on the stupendous idea of having a class pet and I would really like that pet to be a parrot. This is for a multitude of reasons but mainly it is because I believe having such an intelligent animal in the classroom (such as a parrot) would inspire all of us to be intelligent too! Furthermore, you are forever saying that you are fed up with having to repeat yourself. Well, what could be better than having a pet to do that for you? You would only have to say an instruction once and then the parrot could fly around repeating it and you could use the time to relax. Also, parrots are very easy to exercise; no long walks for you Mr Tailor! All we'd have to do is throw the window open and watch the parrot swoop through the skies. Wouldn't that be a magnificent sight? Thank you for taking the time to read my letter and I am so looking forward to having a parrot as a class pet. Yours sincerely, Maisie Smith

Total score: