

This is a persuasive letter.

Persuasive letters are written to express an opinion and sometimes ask for change to happen. Later this week, you will be writing your own persuasive letter so use this one for ideas.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter to inform you that, in my opinion, catching wild animals and using them for the pleasure of others is cruel and very unkind. Capturing wild animals and taking them out of their natural habitat and putting them into circuses should be illegal. These animals are made to perform circus acts and to live in very restrictive cages. They are also exposed to large crowds and loud noises which is terrible for their general wellbeing. Surely you will agree that this is definitely a form of abuse.

First of all, it is an absolute outrage that animals are used for entertainment purposes. Isn't that obvious to everyone? I personally don't find it enjoyable, especially to watch the animals in pain. I also think the animals look frightened and stressed. People who go to circuses are often faced with seeing sad, cramped, and aggressive animals because of the way they are being treated and caged. As a result of this, I firmly believe that circus animals should not be captured and kept in these confined areas. They should be living a life where they are comfortable and with animals in their natural habitat.

In addition to this, I firmly believe that the amount of noise and music played at circuses is distressing for animals. It's not common for them to hear these sorts of sounds in the wild, so it certainly isn't surprising that they get upset, feel uneasy and get agitated. This sort of behaviour may result in an unhealthy relationship with food. They may become malnourished due to losing their appetite. It is totally unacceptable to treat animals so badly, their wellbeing and health are definitely affected.

To conclude, I support the fact that we definitely should not use animals for our entertainment as it is cruel, barbaric and in no way healthy to these animals. In saying this, they should be returned to their natural habitat straight away.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Pedemont.

You can use the lined paper on the next page to answer your questions. Make sure to write in full sentences and to start with capital letters.

HBS guided reading

1. What type of letter is this?
2. What does the writer think should be illegal?
3. Can you find 2 adverbs in the second paragraph?
4. What is the writer's name?
5. What is an opinion?

CH guided reading

1. Find and copy the rhetorical question (a question used for impact that doesn't require an answer).
2. Can you find 4 adverbs in the letter?
3. Is the writer for or against the use of wild animals in the circus?
4. Copy a sentence to back up your answer to question 3.
5. What does habitat mean?

KM guided reading

1. Find and copy the rhetorical question.
2. In the second paragraph is the adverb firmly. Can you think of another adverb to replace it?
3. Is the writer for or against using wild animals in the circus?
Include 2 pieces of evidence to back up your answer.
4. What does agitated mean?
5. Find 3 adjectives that you think are powerful or emotive.

