

# ‘comprehensive’ comprehensive notes

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## 1 functions of quotes

- arouse the interests of the readers
- provoke readers’ thought
- support the author’s points of view

## 2 functions of rhetorical questions

- lay emphasis to the point
- analogies
- helps readers better understand the author’s ideas
- metaphors
- create a vivid idea or image in readers as they are familiar with the connotation of the word/phrase
- emotional statements
- signal to readers whether a statement is positive and being celebrated or negative and doubted or dismissed
- distance markers {they, ... }
- helps distance the author from a point of view they do not agree with
- intensifiers or qualifiers
- act as a condition for the thing they said to come true

## 3 functions of punctuations

- inverted commas
  - to convey sarcasm
  - to question the validity of a statement
- ellipses

- to show a repetitive cycle
- to create suspense
- brackets
  - to provide additional information not deemed as important
- colon
  - to connect related information
- CAPITALISED, **bold**, *italicised* words
  - to emphasise an idea or a point

#### 4 questions on author's ability/purpose

- to reframe an issue in a way the readers can better understand
- to highlight the severity of an issue
- to evoke or arouse readers' emotions
- to rebut one's opponent
- to make a disclaimer
- to mock something
- to inform/advise the readers
- to express shock, disgust or disbelief

#### 5 to explain strategies used by the writer

- comparing similarities/differences between 2 things to prove a point
- comparing then and now to show change/transformation
- using analogy to prove a point
- using metaphor to contrast 2 objects
- use rhetorical questions to emphasise a point
- use stories to illustrate a point/theme

#### 6 to explain a simile

- (literal meaning of simile). likewise, (explain how simile links to context)

#### 7 to explain irony

- we expect ... however ...

## 8 to explain tone

- positive tone: supportive/approving/optimistic
- negative tone: disapproving/mocking/dismissive/defiant