



# EduVision

Year 2 English

Term 4, Week 8

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## Lesson Focus: Persuasive writing review

### Skill Focus: Revision on how to write a persuasive text

In term 2, we learned about the basic structural elements needed to write a persuasive text. They include:

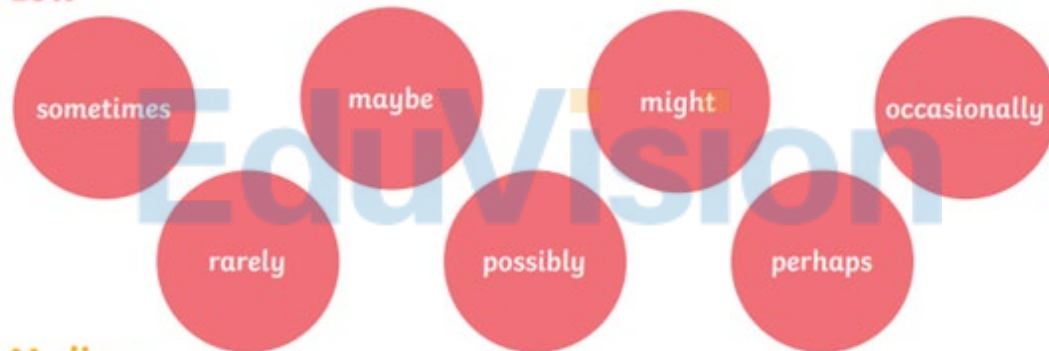
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However, a good persuasive text needs more than just the 'bare bones' if it wants to be convincing. Think back to the persuasive texts you've written this year and work together as a class to add the extra elements that help to make a quality persuasive text.

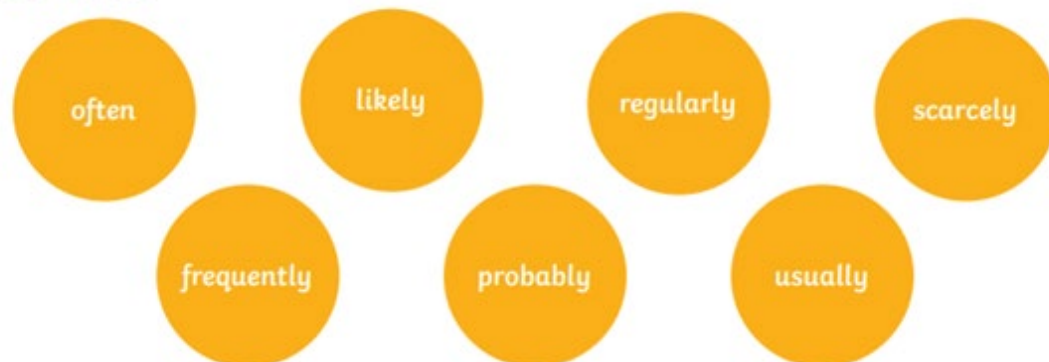
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**Directions:** Revise this list of modal words. Remember, the more certain the word, the higher the modality and the more persuasive it sounds. Work together as a class to add any extra modal words you've previously used in your writing. Make sure to put them in the correct modality.

### Low



### Medium



### High



**Directions:** Add a hook, statement of position and three brief reasons to each of the following topic statements.

1. Children under 12 should not be allowed to have a mobile phone.

**Hook:**

**Statement of position:**

**Brief overview of reasons**

2. Zoos should be closed down.

**Hook:**

**Statement of position:**

**Brief overview of reasons**

3. Every child should learn a second language.

**Hook:**

**Statement of position:**

**Brief overview of reasons**

**Skill Focus: Reading comprehension**

**Directions:** Read each text and answer the questions below.

**TEXT A: Movie Review**

## Parents' Guide to **The Super Mario Bros. Movie**

By Tara McNamara, Common Sense Media Reviewer

✓ age 7+ ★★★★★

Colorful adventure is a bit more violent than the games.

Movie | PG | 2023 | 92 minutes

### *What parents need to know:*

Parents need to know that *The Super Mario Bros. Movie* is based on the hugely popular Nintendo video game/entertainment franchise. Mario (voiced by Chris Pratt) and Princess Peach (Anya Taylor-Joy) team up for a quest that involves elements from several of the games, including *Donkey Kong*, *Mario Kart*, *Super Mario 3D World*, and more.

The movie is a bit edgier than the games when it comes to cartoon violence, scares, and bullying. Expect missiles, explosions, a well-landed punch, and a plan to make "ritual sacrifices." While Mario and Peach are brave, they and other characters are often visibly panicked and are in constant peril from villain Bowser, who burns down the walls of a kingdom and issues deadly threats to those in his way. Some kids may be frightened by a scene in which Luigi is chased by zombie skeleton turtles with

glowing red eyes that creep out of the ground en masse and eventually capture him.

The Mario Bros. also hear a lot of insults and are the targets of bullying behaviour by a former employer and get teased by family members ("idiot," "stupid," "shut up," etc.). But ultimately themes of perseverance, courage, and teamwork are clear.

1. Write the following from the text.



Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of media: \_\_\_\_\_

Running time: \_\_\_\_\_

Rating: \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewer: \_\_\_\_\_

2. What does this symbol mean?  age 7+ 

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Who is the book review written for? How do you know?

\_\_\_\_\_

4. On what popular franchise is this movie based?

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Based on your answer to question 4, which of the following games is NOT produced by the same franchise?

a. Donkey Kong

b. Team Sonic

c. Mario Kart

d. Super Mario 3D World

6. List some of the things in the movie that might be too scary for some children.

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7. Based on this review, name the following characters.

The hero in the movie is: \_\_\_\_\_

The 'heroine' in the movie is: \_\_\_\_\_

The villain in the movie is: \_\_\_\_\_

8. What type of genre do you think this movie is?

a. Adventure

b. Mystery

c. Horror

d. Comedy

10. The review includes three themes (the big idea or underlying message in the story). Based on what you've learned in the review, what are some other themes in the movie? Circle all correct answers.

a. Friendship

b. Determination

c. Good vs Evil

d. Love

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**TEXT B: Mystery text****5 practical steps to protect children and teens from virtual violence.**

You can't shield your child from all forms of virtual violence. But these five steps can help minimize the harm violent content can do to your child's health.

Step 1: Limit what very young children watch and play. If you have children under age 6, try to exclude violent content. Young children cannot distinguish fantasy from reality. To them, even violence that seems cartoonish to us seems real.

Step 2: Use parental controls and media ratings. A variety of technologies promise to offer you control over your children's viewing and playing habits, and they can certainly be helpful if you learn how to use them. But no program can replace your involvement in your children's choices. Young children should always ask permission before they watch or play video games on any device. Learn more about TV content ratings and movie ratings that can help you choose wisely for your family. The Entertainment Software Rating Board publishes helpful ratings for games and apps, and Common Sense Media provides a wealth of ratings, tips and insights.

Step 3: Watch or play with your kids. Your attention has tremendous power. Explain that you're interested in the things they like to watch and play. Sit down with them and gauge the level of virtual violence in their favourite shows, movies, games or apps. You'll almost certainly be surprised at what you learn!

Step 4: When enjoying entertainment with your child, take time to talk with them about it. Ask how especially violent scenes made them feel. Show interest in their opinions without arguing with them. You can share your own views without suggesting that any single opinion is 100% right or wrong. For example, you might say, "I can understand why that character was angry. But I hate to see people get violent instead of finding other ways to settle their differences." These conversations can compare what your



child is seeing with your family values such as respect, tolerance, kindness and mutual understanding.

Step 5: Create a family media plan. The American Academy of Paediatrics offers an easy-to-use tool to help parents and caregivers manage family media usage. You'll find a list of media priorities to choose from, practical tips and the ability to print and share your plan with caregivers, family and friends. You can even save your plan and edit it as your family's needs change over time.

1. What type of text is this?

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|----------------|--------------|
| a. Informative | b. Narrative |
| c. Persuasive  | d. Recount   |

2. What is the purpose of this text?

- a. Stop children from watching violent content in the media.
- b. Advise parents on how to minimise children's exposure to violent content in the media.
- c. Advise parents on how to talk to children about violent content in the media.
- d. Tell parents to spend more time playing with their children instead of allowing them to watch violent content in the media.

3. Who is this text directed at?

- |                   |                     |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| a. Young children | b. Teenagers        |
| c. Parents        | d. All of the above |

4. At what age does the text recommend excluding a child from watching shows with violent content?

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| a. Under 4 | b. Under 5 |
| c. Under 6 | d. Under 7 |

5. Why does the text recommend that children under a certain age should not watch shows with violent content?

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6. Which of the following could be considered violent in a TV show or on a video game?

- a. punching someone
- b. yelling at someone
- c. playing rough with someone
- d. chasing someone with a bat

7. According to the text, what can parents do to determine what shows are appropriate for children to watch?

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8. Where can parents go to get advice on TV and movie content ratings?

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8. In your opinion, what can a child do if they do see violent content on a TV show or in a video game?

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## WRITING TASK

**Directions:** Your task is to write a persuasive text either FOR or against the topic: ‘Children should watch less TV’. Remember to try to include a hook, a statement of position, three good reasons either for or against and include some facts to support your opinions.

You must also use the checklist to help you with your writing.


Writing checklist	
<b>Technique</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I have included a title or heading.</li> <li>• I have included an introduction with a statement of position and three brief reasons.</li> <li>• I have included a hook.</li> <li>• I have included paragraphs with precise reasons/arguments.</li> <li>• I have included facts to support my reasons/arguments.</li> <li>• I have included high modal/emotive language.</li> <li>• I have included connectives (linking words) between my paragraphs.</li> <li>• I have included a conclusion with a summarising statement.</li> </ul>	
<b>Grammar, spelling and punctuation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I have included full stops, commas and capital letters.</li> <li>• I have used complete sentences that make sense.</li> <li>• I have checked for spelling errors.</li> <li>• I have used correct tenses.</li> </ul>	

## HOMEWORK

1. Writing task
2. Reading comprehension
3. Information on writing a hook (revision)

### 2. Reading comprehension

#### More reviews based on *The Super Mario Bros. Movie*


**MovieMan99**, Teen, 13 years old

age 5+ ★★★★★

4 months ago

This movie was the best movie I have ever seen! The animation was beautiful, the story was amazing, and the voice actors were great. If you are a video game fan and love good movies this the movie you want to see. It is perfect for kids 5 and up. Even teens and adults will like this movie. Trust me you will like it.

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**juicylucy**, Kid, 12 years old

age 6+ ★★★★★

4 months ago

**HOW DOES COMMEN SENSE MEDIA GIVE THIS 3 STARS?!?!**

I grew up on Mario and Nintendo so seeing this movie made me so happy. I thoght that it might be terrible but it was so good and they truly fit everything in it. That Mario kart part litterly made me want to scream bc it was just so we'll put in that movie. This movie is more silly then violent. Best movie ever and I don't put that lightly. I would watch this movie 10 more times and still want to watch it more. SO SO SO GOOD! Csm needs to rewatch this movie it deserves a whole lot more then 3 starts! Like what?!? 3 stars, I could NEVER. so ya amazing movie Watch in 4DX so fun!

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This title has:

A+ Educational value

Great messages

Great role models

5 people found this helpful.


**GameReviewTeen012907**, Teen, 16 years old

age 6+ ★★★★★

2 weeks ago

**Let's a-go! Well done, Nintendo!**

Possibly the best movie ever! Wish it aired in theaters a little longer so my siblings could see it on the big screen. My little brother, a first grader, LOVED it and didn't want to go to bed cause he wanted to watch it again!!! Great references, jam-packed with the game lore, new characters, but the only thing I'd be aware of is Lumalee. She's a little blue star that always drops negative comments. Other than that, it's great!

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A+ Educational value

Great messages

Great role models

1 person found this helpful.

**A** **Acu\_Mommy10**, Parent  
of 5, 9 and 13-year-old

age 5+ ★★★★★

4 months ago

#### Fun Loving Movie Minus any Agenda

So my husband and I took our three kiddos, ages 13, 9 and 5 to see this movie. Our 9 and 5 year old boys, enjoyed it the most, our 13 year old girl wasn't as enthusiastic, although it wasn't a total fail to her. My hubby and I loved it. The humor was clever, the action well placed and the movie held our attention better than expected. There was enough to entertain the whole family. Overall the story line was awesome. Go and see this fun loving film with no hidden agendas!

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**K** **Konodjuwi**, Adult

age 8+ ★★★★★




4 months ago

#### Why Are The Reviews For The Movie So Bad? Watch It!

The Mario Movie was way better than I expected. I absolutely enjoyed it. Don't listen to the reviews because it's actually a masterpiece. All the people who write the bad reviews are just people who have bad taste in media. It was amazing. However that is not what we are discussing here. The movie does contain some scenes of violence while barely any graphic at all shows lots of punching and heavy attacks but it's not graphic in the slightest. The worse that's shown is a black eye. The movie has good messages of family and friendship along with helping your loved ones. Mario also is very determined and dedicated to saving his brother Luigi from Bowser's kingdom. I think an 8 year old is best suited.

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This title has:

-  Great messages
-  Great role models
-  Too much violence

 4 people found this helpful.

**CJ** **Chad J.**, Parent of 8, 12  
and 14-year-old

age 6+ ★★★★★

4 months ago

#### Great Family Fun

Great adventure for the whole family can enjoy! Nothing to be concerned about here at all. I thought it was funny, with a decent plot, fantastic fast paced action, decent dialogue, great voice acting, and great overall music score that took the classic Mario game music to a whole new level. They also had great song choices from the 80s like, Take On Me and Thunderstruck. And to top it all off, the animation was absolutely awesome. And of course, the nostalgia factor was great too.

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 7 people found this helpful.

1. Which demographic (age group) are the reviewers from? Circle all correct answers.
  - a. 0-5 years
  - b. 6-12 years
  - c. 13+
  - d. Adults
  
2. Of the reviews listed, which age group was most recommended as suitable for the movie?
  - a. Under 5
  - b. 6+
  - c. 8+
  - d. 12+
  
3. Which two reviewers described *The Super Mario Bros. Movie* as (possibly) the best movie they have ever seen?
  - a. GameReviewTeen and MovieMan99
  - b. MovieMan99 and Konodjuwi
  - c. AcuMommy\_10 and Konodjuwi
  - d. juicylucy and Chad J
  
4. Which two reviewers gave *The Super Mario Bros. Movie* an A+ for Educational value?
  - a. AcuMommy\_10 and Konodjuwi
  - b. juicylucy and GameReviewTeen
  - c. MovieMan99 and juicylucy
  - d. Chad J and AcuMommy\_10
  
5. Which two reviewers disagree with the three-star rating given by Tara McNamara (in the lesson workbook)?
  - a. MovieMan99 and Konodjuwi
  - b. Chad J and AcuMommy\_10
  - c. MovieMan99 and juicylucy
  - d. Konodjuwi and juicylucy

6. What do most of the reviewers agree on?

- a. That *The Super Mario Bros. Movie* has a great storyline/plot.
- b. That *The Super Mario Bros. Movie* has great songs you can sing along to.
- c. That *The Super Mario Bros. Movie* has a lot of violence.
- d. That *The Super Mario Bros. Movie* is suitable for all age groups.

7. Why do you think GameReviewTeen cautioned viewers about the character 'Lumalee'?

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8. Read this sentence from juicyLucy's review and rewrite it with the correct punctuation: 'Csm needs to rewatch this movie it deserves more than 3 starts!'

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9. In his review, Konodjuwi contradicts himself, that is, he says one thing and then says something else that is the opposite. He says: 'The worse [should be 'worst'] that's shown is a black eye.'

What does he then add in his review that contradicts this?

- a. 'it's actually a masterpiece'
- b. 'The movie does contain some scenes of violence'
- c. 'The movie has good messages of family and friendship along with helping your loved ones.'
- d. 'Too much violence'

### 3. Hooking the reader – revision



Just like fishermen use hooks to catch fish, a writing hook in the introduction can be used to *catch* the reader's attention so they want to read more.

In persuasive writing, a hook is often the first sentence in the introduction but it can also be used to sum up the introduction. A good hook can be a quotation, a shocking or surprising fact, a funny statement or anecdote, or a thought-provoking or rhetorical question. A good hook is usually short and concise.

**A hook can be from any source just as long as it is relevant to what you are writing about.**

Let's look at some examples of each type of hook.

#### The quotation hook

- Nelson Mandela once said, "Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world."
- "The more that you read, the more things you will know, the more that you learn, the more places you'll go," as quoted by Dr. Seuss.

#### The shocking or surprising fact hook

- A bolt of lightning is five times hotter than the sun!
- Cockroaches can live for a week without their heads!

#### The funny statement or anecdote hook

- People can fart after they die.
- When my grandfather was ill recently, it comforted our family greatly when we saw how well he was cared for in the hospital.

#### The thought-provoking or rhetorical question hook

- Did you know that cat purring can be beneficial to your health?
- Who wouldn't want a million dollars?