

Basic Rhetorical Devices

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Instructions

Answer every question. Write your answer on the line. 10 questions in total.

Practice

1. Which of these is a rhetorical question: 'Is this really the future we want?' or 'What time does the shop close?'

2. 'We must act now, act decisively, and act together.' What is the name for this technique of three linked points?

3. 'You know the truth. You feel it. You cannot deny it.' Which technique repeats the same word at the start of each sentence?

4. 'You have the power to change this.' What technique speaks directly to the reader using 'you'?

5. 'This policy is unfair, unworkable, and dangerous.' How many linked points make up this persuasive list?

6. 'Ask yourself: can we really afford to wait?' Is this a rhetorical question used to persuade, or a genuine question expecting an answer?

7. 'Never again. Never forget. Never give up.' Which technique repeats a word at the start of each phrase for emphasis?

8. A speech that repeatedly says 'you' and 'your community' is using which technique to make the audience feel personally involved?

9. Which of these is a rhetorical question: 'How much longer must we wait?' or 'What time is the meeting?'

10. 'Faster, stronger, better.' What is the name for this technique of three linked points?