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LO: To know what rhetorical questions are and how to use them.

Rhetorical questions are questions that don't require answers, they make you think instead. They are used to make a point rather than to find out more information.

Here are some examples:

What is the meaning of life?

Why me?

How could you do that?

How many times do I have to tell you not to swing on your chair?

They can be used effectively in persuasive writing. Try to identify the rhetorical question in the passage below. How has it been used to persuade?

Some people argue that wearing fur is fashionable and people can do what they want to do. How could they be so cruel? Fashion should not be of higher importance than animals' lives.

The rhetorical question 'how could they be so cruel?' has made the reader think about how awful it is that people are killing animals for fashion purposes. It's hard to answer a question like that, because there isn't really an answer for it, it's just there to make you think.

Try to think of 5 rhetorical questions of your own and write them below:

Task:

Have a go at the worksheet on the website. Find the rhetorical questions and create some of your own.