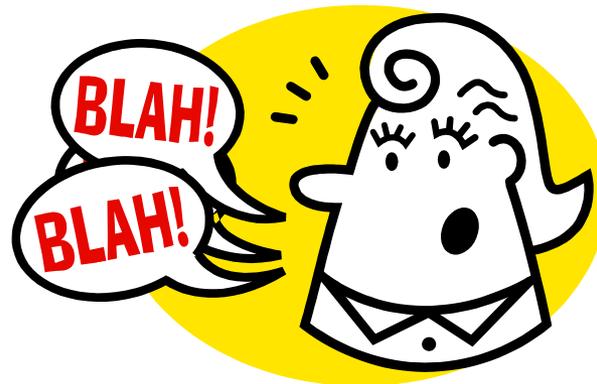


Rhetorical Questions

What does RHETORICAL mean

- 'Rhetorical' comes from the word 'rhetoric' – which is a special kind of talking
- 'Rhetoric' is used to persuade or influence people, in other words, to change their minds or persuade them



How to look for a Rhetorical Question

A Rhetorical Question is a question that does NOT need to be answered.

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WHY DO WE USE RHETORICAL QUESTIONS?

Because the answer is obvious

"Do you want extra homework?"

"Do you want to stay in at lunchtime?"



Why do we use RHETORICAL questions?

- Sometimes a rhetorical question is really just a different way of getting someone to do something...

*“Don’t you want to help your mother?”
(Come and help!)*



Why do we use RHETORICAL questions?

- Sometimes people ask a question in a sarcastic way to prove a point...

“Do I look like I’m made of money?”

(No, I don’t have much money so don’t ask for any!)



How to tell if a question is rhetorical

Think: does the person asking the question *really* want to know some new information from me?

If the answer is **no**, it is probably a rhetorical question.

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Spot the Difference – which are rhetorical?

- Do you want sugar in your coffee?

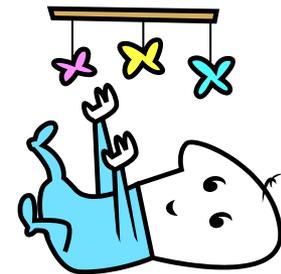


- Are they ever going to get here?



- What's the price of this T-shirt?

- Are you two years old or something?



Now your turn...

Think of some rhetorical questions for this situation:

You want your parents to let you eat what you want for tea tonight.

(It could be sweets, chocolate, crisps, ice cream or lots of your favourite food!)

Examples:

You wouldn't want me to starve would you?

Here are some rhetorical questions from a leaflet about Bristol Zoo...

- You wouldn't want to miss out on seeing some amazing animals, would you?
- Have you ever stood underneath a fully grown silverback gorilla?!
- Wouldn't you love to feed our friendly African penguins their dinner?
- How could you not want to walk through our aquarium tunnel and be amongst the sealife?

What is so amazing about CKJS?



Can you think of a rhetorical question to persuade someone to come to CKJS?

Here are some examples...

Have you ever wanted to be taught by the best teachers in the world?
Wouldn't you love to be able to have your own school swimming pool?

Complete the sheet – Task 1.

Then write some rhetorical questions that might be included in a leaflet about CKJS. Make them persuasive and remember question marks!

Use the sentence starters to help you.