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Key Words

- **Ethos:** the credibility or trustworthiness of the speaker. It also covers the tone and style
- Logos: Reasoning, logic, facts and figures
- **Pathos:** Emotional impact on the audience; stories to persuade
- Form: The type of writing you produce such as a letter, speech, article or review
 Rhetorical devices: a use of language that is intended to have an effect on its audience
- Persona: the person who is understood to be speaking (or thinking or writing) a particular work.

Persuasive/rhetorical techniques

- Hyperbole: exaggerating to create an effect
- Imperative: giving commands, ordering the reader
- **Direct address** talking directly to the reader
- **Emotive Language:** language to influence the reader's feelings
- Collective Pronouns: We, us, our- gives a sense of unity
- Statistics: Using numbers to prove your ideas
- Rhetorical questions: Asking the reader a question to make them think
- Anecdote: a short amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person

Advanced techniques

- Anaphora: repeating words or phrases at the start of a sequence of sentences.
- **Praeteritio:** mentioning something by saying you won't talk about it.
- **Tricolons:** three words or clauses linked by an idea, often in crescendo.
- **Epiplexis:** multiple rhetorical questions

Letters

Open letter - a letter addressed to a particular person or group of people but intended for publication in a newspaper

Yours sincerely - Sign off if you know the person's name

Yours faithfully - don't know their name
Salutation - a standard formula of words used in
a letter to address the person being written to.
Formal language - polite, no slang; sophisticated
vocabulary

Articles

Headline: Attention grabbing information at the top of an article. Uses puns, emotive language or alliteration to make it stand out

Subheading: Introduces or summaries what the article is about in one sentence

Counter argument: an argument against another argument, idea, or suggestion. Can be used to strengthen your argument

Colloquial: Chatty and informal language

Speeches

A speech often follows a three-part structure:

- a highly engaging and motivational opening
- a well-structured argument with several main points that include objection handling
- a dynamic and memorable conclusion

Objection handling: Consider what your opposition might say and deal with it before they do. *Some might say...however*

Grammar: Colons and semi colons

Colon: a colon joins one full sentence to another clause which gives more information. e.g. *Malala Yousafzai is an inspirational woman: intelligent and brave.* A colon can also be used to introduce a list.

semi-colon: ; a semi-colon joins two full sentences into a single written sentence. The semi-colon shows that they are very closely related. e.g. *Malala Yousafzai inspires me; I will always try to stand up for what is right*.

Grammar: Discourse markers

Temporal connective: a word which links words or phrases together and tells us when something is happening, e.g. *then, next, secondly,* **Illustrative connective**: a word or phrase which introduces further information, e.g. *for example, such as, in the case of, as shown by*

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