

Prewrite/Brainstorm

Authors have a reason for writing: They want to entertain, inform, or persuade the reader. In persuasion, the writer wants to persuade the reader to do something or think a certain way. Begin to create a persuasive paragraph. First, list the reasons you think your parent should take you to the library.

Day 1

Draft

Using your list of reasons to go to the library, draft a paragraph to persuade your parent to take you to the library. Remember to include a topic sentence and a concluding sentence.

Day 2

Revise

Look at your rough draft. Is it persuasive? Does it have a topic sentence? Does it have points that fit your topic sentence? Did you write a concluding sentence? Rewrite your paragraph, and make your words more specific.

Day 3

Proofread

Read your paragraph again. Do you see any capitalization errors? Are all of the words spelled correctly? Did you use the correct punctuation and grammar? Use proofreading marks to correct the sentences.

- Capitalization mistakes
- Grammar mistakes
- Punctuation mistakes
- Spelling mistakes

Day 4

Name _____

Publish

Write your final copy on a computer or on the lines below.

MAKE SURE it turns out

- NEAT—Make sure there are no wrinkles, creases, or holes.
- CLEAN—Erase any smudges or dirty spots.
- EASY TO READ—Use your best handwriting and good spacing between words.
