

Friday – Example of speech

Here is an example of the speech the woodcutter may say to his boss.

Try to include persuasive techniques to make the boss come round to the woodcutter's ideas. Remember our persuasion techniques:

Exaggeration

Details

Powerful adjectives and verbs

Rhetorical questions to make the boss think

I'm terribly sorry Boss but the tree is home to so many wonderful animals. They all rely on the tree for different reasons.

If I cut it down, they will lose their home and be destitute. Frogs, snakes and monkeys all live in the trees amongst the tangles of branches. They make nests or wind themselves around the branches or burrow in the little crevices in the wood.

Some of the animals use the tree to find their food. If I cut it down, they would be starving. The jaguar hunts for its prey amongst the trees and branches. What would it have to hunt if the tree was not there?

The rainforest is extremely beautiful. The sunlight dapples through the leaves delicately, the various sounds are like the sweetest music you'll ever hear and the animals are more exotic than any I have seen anywhere else.

If I had cut the tree down, I would have felt very guilty and I would not have forgiven myself for the rest of my life. In the rainforest, I realised that it is the most perfect place on Earth. While I was sleeping, the amazing animals actually spoke to me. I will never forget it.