

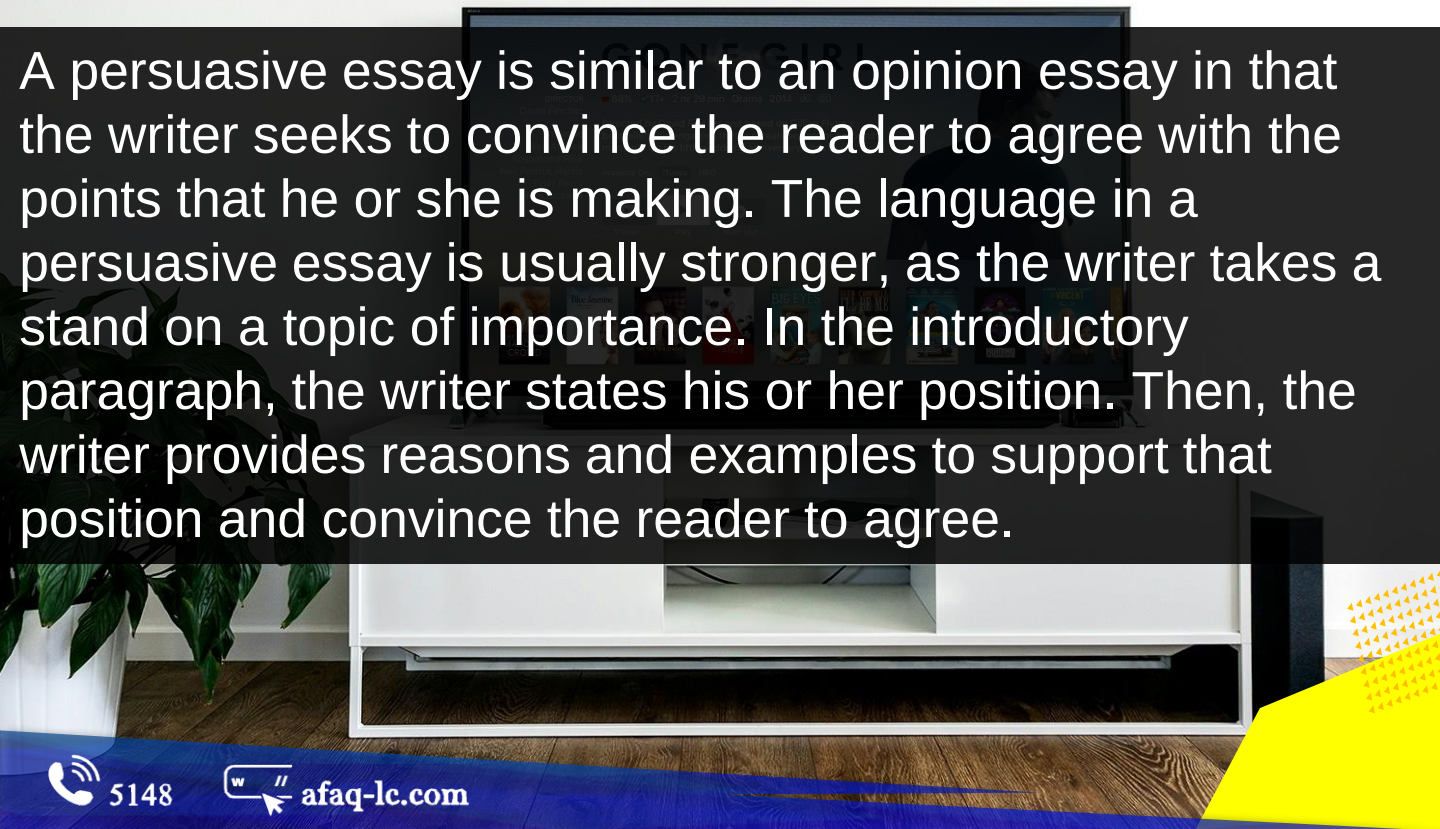
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Writing

Unit4 – Lesson5

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READ ABOUT PERSUASIVE ESSAYS.



A persuasive essay is similar to an opinion essay in that the writer seeks to convince the reader to agree with the points that he or she is making. The language in a persuasive essay is usually stronger, as the writer takes a stand on a topic of importance. In the introductory paragraph, the writer states his or her position. Then, the writer provides reasons and examples to support that position and convince the reader to agree.

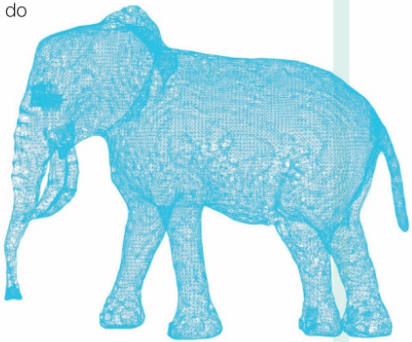
READ THE MODEL. WHAT DOES THE WRITER WANT TO BE DONE ABOUT THE USE OF WILD ANIMALS IN CIRCUSES?

Life in the circus is a terrible life for animals. It is hard to believe that in this day and age, we still accept animals being taken away from their natural environment and used for the sole purpose of entertainment. While some countries are taking steps in the right direction, far too many people still do not consider what a horrible way this is to treat animals. There is no question in my mind that the use of wild animals in circuses should be banned.

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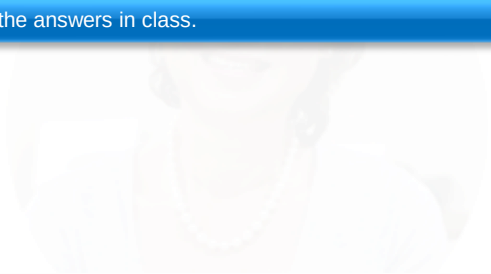
As part of the circus, the animals have to live in cages and travel all the time. Then they are forced to perform tricks that they would never do naturally. Perhaps people think that children can learn about animals by going to the circus, but what are they learning? That tigers will jump through a hoop if you make them? To get the animals to do these tricks, the trainers hit or poke them. The animals do the tricks out of fear, not because they want to do them. There is no reason in the world why people should be allowed to treat animals this way.

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One circus has replaced real animals with holograms.

Have Ss scan the text again and do the task. Then check the answers in class.



D Read the model again. Take notes in the chart.

Environment
animals taken from _____
animals become _____ without families

Treatment
animals forced to do _____
trainers _____ _____ the animals

Position: The use of wild animals in circuses should be _____.

Not educational
tricks aren't _____
_____ don't learn about animals

Alternatives exist
some circuses have no animals
Example: _____

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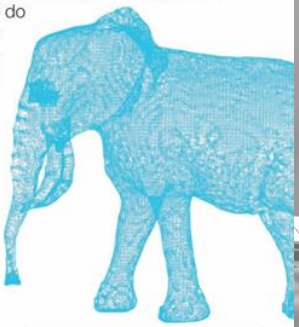
Read the Writing Skill. Then reread the model. Underline language that you think is colloquial or emotional, rather than formal.

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WRITING SKILL Use strong, emotional language

Although formal language makes a good impression, sometimes it is appropriate to use a more colloquial or conversational voice and appeal to your readers' emotions. In a persuasive essay, using emotional language can help readers relate to you and convince them that you mean what you say.



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Teach the models to the Ss.

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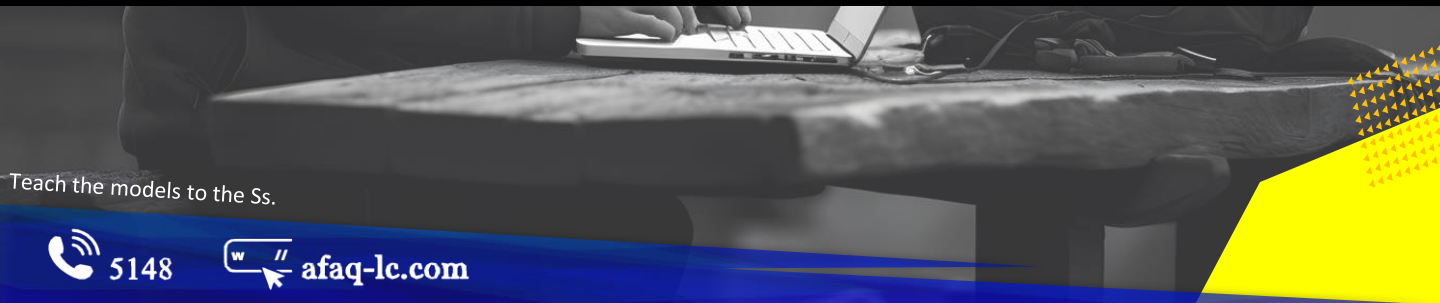
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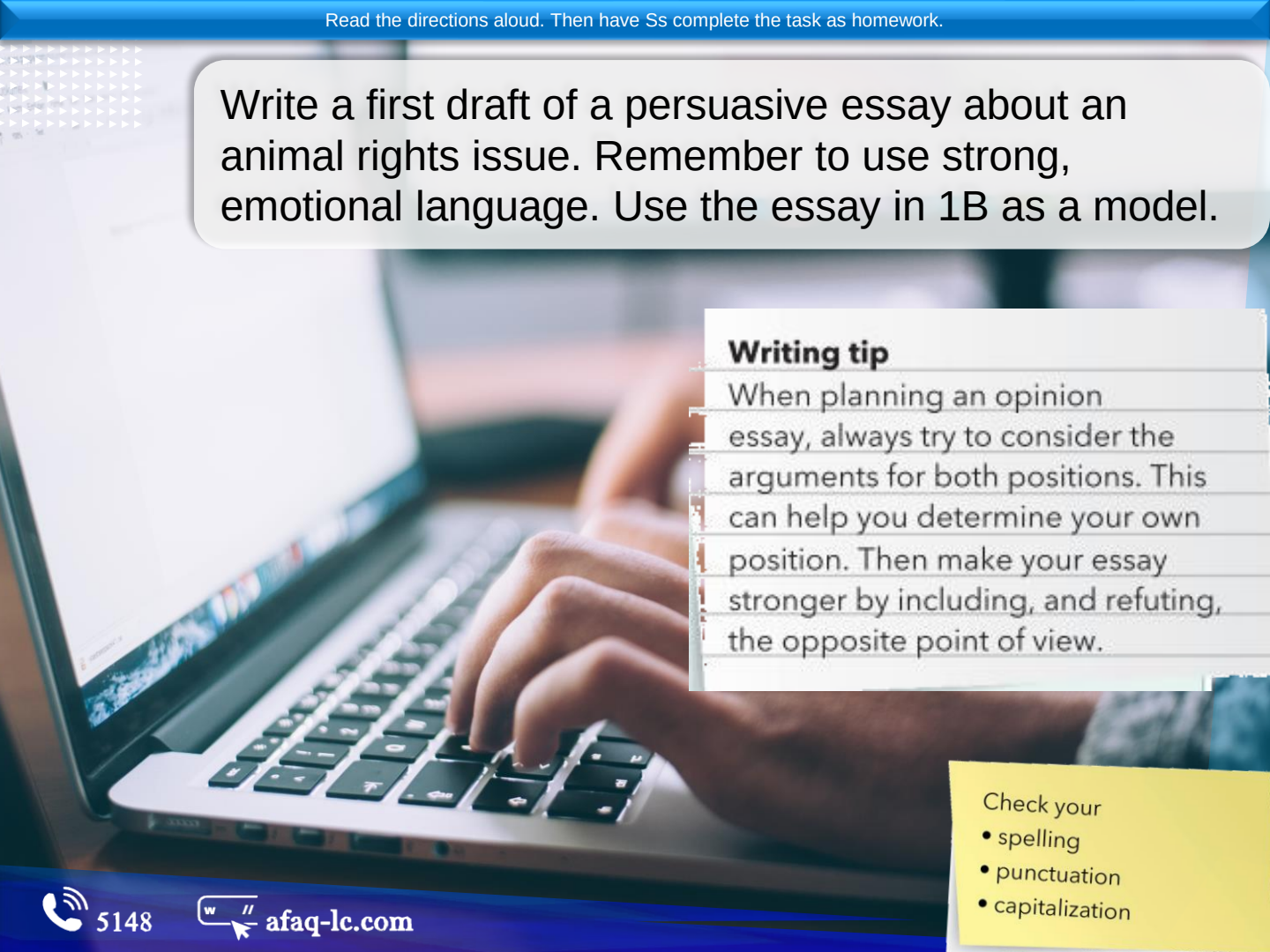
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Read the directions aloud. Then have Ss complete the task as homework.

Write a first draft of a persuasive essay about an animal rights issue. Remember to use strong, emotional language. Use the essay in 1B as a model.



Writing tip

When planning an opinion essay, always try to consider the arguments for both positions. This can help you determine your own position. Then make your essay stronger by including, and refuting, the opposite point of view.

Check your
- spelling
- punctuation
- capitalization