

Please....!

Approach: Station

Level: Year 4 and year 8

Focus: Persuasive writing.

Resources: None.

Questions/instructions:

Imagine there is something you would really like for your birthday as a special treat.

You think your parents might not be so keen for you to have what you would really like.

What would you like?

Write down what you would say to your parents to get them to agree with you. Try to give at least 3 good reasons.

**Number of distinctly different reasons:**

	% responses	
	y4	y8
4 or more	2	10
3	27	47
2	35	26
1	27	14
0	9	3

Overall strength of argument:

very persuasive	5	17	
quite persuasive	19	35	
a little persuasive	53	38	
not persuasive	23	10	
Total score:			
	6-7	6	20
	4-5	28	44
	2-3	46	27
	0-1	20	9

Commentary:

No commentary.

YEAR 4 – HIGH RANGE:

tape and C.D player:

- So I can listen to c.ds in my room.
- So I can dance in my room instead of in the living room.
- So if I want to (listen to) c.ds I don't have to go all the way downstairs to listen to it.

A new bicycle:

1. My old bike is getting to small.
2. I need a new one because I use my bike a lot and it is getting worn out.
3. My old one's wheels keep going down and I always have to pump them up.

YEAR 4 – MID RANGE:

computer:

because I have not play on one for 3 years. cause I want one. I need one for my homework

Trans-former:

1. You don't know how much it means to me.
2. I have been wanting one for a long long long time.
3. Because they have cool colours and they can do more than 1 thing.

YEAR 8 – HIGH RANGE:

The internet:

"Can we get the internet. It has lots of good education on it, you and dad can use it for school research. We can look at our e-mails @ or [our] own house. We can talk to our friends on MSN. All the family will be careful not to give out our name of address and we will not spend all day on it, so what do you think," I said hopefully Mum replied...

Trip over seas:

Mum and Dad for my B Day I would really like a trip to Australia to the Gold Coast. I could go see Haley and Kimberley. Me and Bevan wouldn't fight. Please! Please! You said you would always try and take us over there before we moved out. I wouldn't spend much I promise. Please! Please! I won't ask for anything else. Please Mum and Dad Please!

YEAR 8 – MID RANGE:

Pogostick:

1. That I would have heaps of fun
2. I could keep it forever
3. I would enjoy it
4. Me & my friend would have fun. (If my friend came for the day or the night)

A Go-Peard:

1. Dear Mum and Dad
Could I please have a go-peard for my birthday. I've been really good.
2. Dear Mum and Dad
All the people in my class have a go-peard why cant I have one. PS Please can I have one.
3. Dear Mum and Dad
Could I please Have a go-peard for my birthday I could get around faster.