

Approach: Station
 Focus: Choosing arguments for a purpose
 Resources: Computer program on laptop computer

Year: 8

Questions / instructions:

1. Playstation 2 is great for the latest games and DVD movies. The pictures and actions are awesome.

2. Playstation 2 makes 75 million polygons every second, compared with the older Playstation's 300,000.

3. Playstation 2 plays games extremely well, but that's only part of it. It also plays CDs and DVDs. It has brilliantly clear sound and ...

4. You can plug in video recorders, cameras and even get Internet using the Playstation 2.

5. It costs heaps to design the Playstation 2. Sony needs to sell 100 million of them to make up for this cost.

6. No sweat, say some people. They just love the action, games, pictures and sounds from their Playstation 2.

7. You will be able to use the Playstation 2 to play games over the Internet. You will also be able to use them to enjoy movies.

Click on the paragraphs that would be best

Student read all paragraphs.

Hot Chips

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Click on the paragraphs that would be best Done

Student clicked on paragraphs that would contribute to a persuasive argument and those paragraphs were highlighted. Student was given the opportunity to change their choices.

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Done

Once the student's choices were confirmed all unselected paragraphs disappeared from screen.

This activity uses the computer.

Click on the button that says **Hot Chips**. The computer will tell you what to do.

I really want a *PlayStation 2*. My mum loves movies and music, and she uses the internet a lot. But she does not like games.

Read **Hot Chips**.

Some paragraphs might help Mum to think it would be good to get a *PlayStation 2*. Click on the paragraphs that would be good.

- Use the information you have chosen to write **one** sentence that might help mum want to get a *PlayStation 2*.

wrote just one sentence

Use of material provided:

combined arguments/material from two or more of the paragraphs

combined arguments/material from two or more of the paragraphs but included material not from chosen paragraphs

no or maybe

wrote persuasive argument

Argument to persuade Mum:

very appropriate

moderately appropriate

not appropriate

used own words/paraphrases

Total score: 7

6

5

4

3

0-2

% response
2005 ('01)

year 8

74 (80)

63 (57)

17 (18)

20 (25)

81 (79)

30 (38)

62 (52)

8 (10)

80 (82)

16 (17)

32 (37)

22 (17)

11 (5)

9 (11)

10 (13)

Commentary:

Paragraphs 3, 4 and 7 were the most frequently chosen (60 percent or more of the students), with paragraph 1 not far behind. Paragraphs 2, 5 and 6 were rarely chosen (less than 10 percent of the students). About half of the students followed the instructions well and wrote quite a strong argument. There was little change between 2001 and 2005.