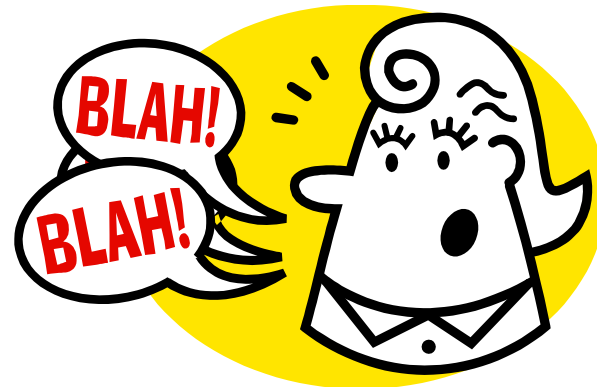




RHETORICAL QUESTIONS

WHAT DOES RHETORICAL MEAN

- ‘Rhetorical’ comes from the word ‘rhetoric’ – which is a special kind of talking
- ‘Rhetoric’ is used to persuade or influence people, in other words, to change their minds
- We often see Rhetorical Questions in a debate because in a debate we want to change people’s minds



HOW TO LOOK FOR A RHETORICAL QUESTION

**A Rhetorical Question
is a question that
does NOT need to be
answered.**

Q & ~~A~~



WHY DO WE USE RHETORICAL QUESTIONS?

Because the answer is obvious

"Do you want extra homework?"



WHY DO WE USE RHETORICAL QUESTIONS?

.....Or to make people think of something they might not have thought about yet

“What would happen to us if we didn’t have parents?”



WHY DO WE USE RHETORICAL QUESTIONS?

- Sometimes a rhetorical question is really just a different way of saying a sentence

*“Don’t you want to help your mother?”
(Come and help!)*



WHY DO WE USE RHETORICAL QUESTIONS?

- Sometimes people ask a question and then answer it straight away (a bit like talking to themselves)

“Do I have lots of money? No, I don’t, but I work hard every day to get enough food for my family.”



HOW TO TELL IF A QUESTION IS RHETORICAL

Think: does the person asking the question *really* want to know some new information from me?

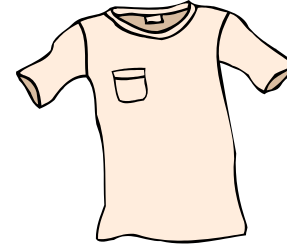
If the answer is **no**, it is probably a rhetorical question.

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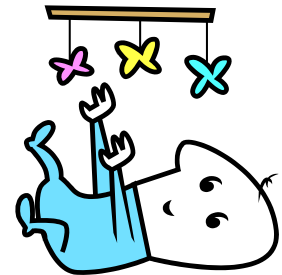


SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

○ Do you want sugar in your coffee?



○ Are they ever going to get here?



○ What's the price of this T-shirt?

○ Really, you're crying about it?

○ Are you two years old or something?



○ Are you hungry?



NOW YOU TRY



QUICK DEBATE:

“Should mobile phones be allowed in school?”

Think of a rhetorical question **FOR** this argument

Think of a rhetorical question **AGAINST** this argument



NOW YOU TRY



QUICK DEBATE:

“Should we worry about global warming?”

Think of a rhetorical question **FOR** this argument

Think of a rhetorical question **AGAINST** this argument

NOW YOU TRY



QUICK DEBATE:

“Is it hard to be a teenager?”

Think of a rhetorical question **FOR** this argument

Think of a rhetorical question **AGAINST** this argument