

**Grade 4 Reading
Benchmark 3
District Formative Assessment**

Name _____

Teacher _____

3RC3-G4 PO2 Identify persuasive vocabulary (e.g., loaded/emotional words, exaggeration) used to influence readers' opinions. _____/5

Dear Sunny Lemonade,

Have you ever tried drinking your lemonade? Surely if you've tasted it, you'd know how bad it is. I'm sorry, but it tastes awful, totally nasty and disgusting. It is so bad, if it was the last drink on earth, I wouldn't even drink it. To be honest, you should name it Pickle Punch instead of Sunny Lemonade because that's what it tastes like. Usually, no one ever listens to me, but I'm hoping you will. I don't want your company to go out of business because you wouldn't listen to your customers.

Sincerely,
Hannah Garner

1. Which of these phrases is an exaggeration?

- (a) Have you ever tried drinking your lemonade?
- (b) It is so bad, if it was the last drink on earth, I wouldn't even drink it.
- (c) To be honest, you should name it Pickle Punch instead of Sunny Lemonade because that's what it tastes like.
- (d) Usually, no one ever listens to me, but I'm hoping you will.

2. Which phrase contains a loaded word?

- (a) I don't want your company to go out of business because you wouldn't listen to your customers.
- (b) To be honest, you should name it Pickle Punch instead of Sunny Lemonade because that's what it tastes like.
- (c) I'm sorry, but it tastes awful, totally nasty and disgusting.
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Dear Ms. Brown,

We should go on a field trip to the San Diego Zoo. We would be able to see the animals in their natural habitats, rather than reading about it in our books. You've even said that the best way to learn is in a "hands-on" manner. You want us to get the best education possible, don't you?

Even you would enjoy this trip! You'd be able to get away from the classroom and out into the fresh air. You'd be the best teacher in the universe if you decide to take us to the San Diego Zoo! You know, Mr. Duncan from next door, he's taking his students to the zoo. You don't want him to do something fun and leave us out, because when we miss out on something fun, we turn into a bunch of screaming, wild animals!

Your student,
Suzy Loo

3. Which of these phrases is an example of an exaggeration?

- (a) We would be able to see animals in their natural habitats, rather than reading about it in our books.
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4. Which of these phrases is **not** an example of appealing to the reader?

- (a) We should go on a field trip to the San Diego Zoo.
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5. Which phrase shows that the reader wants to go to the zoo, otherwise the class won't behave appropriately?

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Which of these phrases is an exaggeration?

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