

Learning Activity Sheets (LAS)

Grade 8 - English

Name: _____

Date: _____ Rating/Score: _____

TITLE: Analyzing Persuasive Expressions and Biases

DIRECTIONS: Imagine that you are the supreme student government (SSG) president of the school and you were asked to write a solicitation letter on behalf of the students affected by Typhoon Ulysses. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate words to complete the solicitation letter. The suggested words are printed in subscript.

Activity 1. Solicitation Letter Mad Libs

1) Date today

Dear Sir or Madam:

Greetings!

I am (2) your name, Grade 8 – (3) your section student from (4) your school. Marikina City had been (5) adverb of degree/intensity affected by the Typhoon Ulysses last November in addition to the ongoing battle of the city against COVID-19. In fact, (6) percentage of my schoolmates lost their modules and devices, even homes, during the onslaught of the (7) descriptive adjective typhoon, proving the sad truth of the seemingly unending hurdles we equally faced during the year 2020. Yet we are still resilient as a bamboo and optimistic of the things to come.

In relation to this, may I request your good office to provide donations in cash or kind to help the learners from my school (8) simple present tense of verb. Your donations in kind may be as follows:

1. reams of long and short bond paper
2. portable Internet devices
3. used android phones/tablets/laptop computers

We believe in the saying that (9) quotations/proverbs about unity; therefore, we make no distinctions among learners of varying social status and intellectual quotient since we are one at heart. Be a part of our school as it boldly faces ongoing challenges in the new normal of education.

We are highly optimistic of your favorable response. Thank you and God bless you!

(10) your signature over printed name

SSG President

Name of your school

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DIRECTIONS: Identify the propaganda technique used in the following situations. Look for the answers on the word pool. Write only the letters of your answers.

Activity 2. Propaganda Techniques

Word Pool

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| a. card stacking | b. glittering generalities | c. loaded words |
| d. name calling | e. plain folks | f. testimonials |

- _____ 1. Adrien Brix, a hotshot athlete promoted Nikki, a sports footwear that young and athletic people will surely love.
- _____ 2. Barangay captain Pena herself visited the impoverished streets of her barangay, distributing food packs and financial assistance during the implementation of the community quarantine.
- _____ 3. Lhan Levi ignored a jeepney driver's assistant when the latter shouted, "There are 10 more empty seats!" He only saw a few spaces to accommodate his family of 8.
- _____ 4. Margareth joined a rally against a student leader in their school, holding a placard with the word *hypocrite* written on it.
- _____ 5. The professional photographer Jerome handed out flyers for his company named Blissful Days Photography.

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DIRECTIONS: Read the following short texts/paragraphs and decide whether each contains biases or not. If the paragraph has a bias, write *'The paragraph contains bias'*; if there is none, write *'The paragraph has no bias'*.

Activity 3. Biased or Not?

1. The boss decided not to promote Mr. Cruz as manager because he is not a graduate of a university in Manila but from a university in the province unlike the other employees who are also applying for the position of manager.
Answer: _____
2. Joyce did not make it to the top spot in the beauty pageant because her answer in Q&A round is in Filipino while the other contestants answered using the English language.
Answer: _____
3. Mr. Santos has been teaching English for 10 years already. Many students describe him as a good teacher, and they learned a lot from him. "I really love to attend Mr. Santos's class! He speaks English well, and he tells us many wonderful stories", his students will say. However, other students see Mr. Santos as a strict and serious teacher. "Mr. Santos is a disciplinarian and he will not hesitate to correct your mistakes especially if you misbehaved in his class", his students also say.
Answer: _____
4. Members of the Gen X are all workaholic! All they think about is work, work, and more work! They do not have time anymore for their families and friends. Worse, they do not even have time to take care of themselves.
Answer: _____
5. Many people nowadays enjoy eating avocado. The little green fruit is packed with vitamins and minerals which are good for one's health. Avocados are also rich in fiber which is good for removing toxins in our large intestines. However, eating too much avocados can also lead to health problems like weight gain and even obesity. Other people may also experience having an upset stomach after eating too much avocado. Always remember that it is important to eat all kinds of food in moderation.
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DIRECTIONS: All the statements below contain biases. It is up to you to determine if the author in each paragraph is *biased towards* or *against* the topic of the paragraph. You can find a sample answer in number 1.

Activity 4. Bias Detectives

1. Of all my subjects this year, English 8 is the best! No other subject is better than this subject. In English we read, listen, or watch many kinds of materials. We also perform drama, recite poems, and even sing songs. Also, our English teacher, Mrs. Cruz is the best teacher.

Answer: The author is biased towards the subject English 8.

2. Reading books is really a hard thing to do. It is also a very boring activity! That is why I cannot understand people who love reading books. I believe they do not have any other good thing to do so they just read. I also find readers as boring people.
3. When it comes to work, the Generation X (people who are 40 years and above) are the best. They are all hardworking, serious, and dedicated to their jobs. They also have a lot of experience already. They make the best teachers, supervisors, office workers, and managers.
4. The young generation is really the worst! They sleep late at night and wake up very late. They always listen to very loud music. Also, they do nothing, are lazy, and like to waste their time in front of their smartphones or tablets playing online games or watching videos nonstop!

5. *Read the sample medical news:*

Covid-19 vaccine available in Asia by 2021

The very reliable and respectable company Santos Laboratories has finally discovered a very safe, effective, and cheap vaccine for Covid-19. The company will start distributing the vaccines to different parts of Asia starting January 2021. The intelligent and hardworking doctors and scientists of Santos Laboratories are all winners of awards and graduates of top universities from the Philippines.

6. *Read the sample police news:*

Road accident in Barangay Maligaya, injures 2

A road accident in Burgos Street, Barangay Maligaya last night, December 01, 2020, injured two pedestrians. The injured, Bert Santos, 21, and Reiner Cruz, 25, had minor leg injuries and are now confined at *San Roque Hospital*. The irresponsible and careless female driver, an office worker named Annie Cruz, said she did not see the two crossing because she was talking to someone on the phone. This accident is a reminder that female drivers really encounter more accidents than male drivers.

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