

What is Secondary Literacy?

Secondary literacy involves building upon the foundational language and literacy skills, from increasing spelling and vocabulary knowledge to developing comprehension of more complex, abstract texts.

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Specialised Vocabulary:	words or word groups that are specific to a field or subject area and when to use them.
Language Conventions:	how words, grammar and punctuation are used to communicate information and ideas.
Reading Comprehension:	understanding a variety of comprehension strategies, from clarifying and summarising to analysing and inferring.
Media Literacy:	identifying how the media in all formats use techniques to manipulate the audience.
Critical Thinking:	evaluating facts, evidence, detailed arguments to form a judgment and problem solve.

How LP does it

LiteracyPlanet's Spelling, Grammar and Comprehension program provides students with high interest and meaningful activities and texts that build upon their vocabulary knowledge across topic areas as well as developing the skills they need to become critical thinkers.

Teachers can assign high school students missions that develop their foundational knowledge within each strand, as well as extend their skills to advanced level and beyond. Students can use My Words to further develop their vocabulary too.

Rhetorical Questions

Do you want to remain in the same boring job for the rest of your working life?

Did you think of an answer as you read the question? It's very unlikely you would have answered if this question had been asked of a large audience. You may have thought, yes or no, and then kept reading. These types of questions, whether they are in writing or said in a speech, are known as rhetorical questions.

Rhetorical questions are questions where an answer is not expected. The writer or speaker will pose the question to encourage the audience to think about something, and the expectation is that you are supposed to agree. This is because nested within the question is the answer—you don't want to remain in a boring job for the rest of your life.

Rhetorical questions are a literary device that is used to persuade or subtly influence the audience. It's a question asked not for the answer, but the effect. The writer or speaker

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Match the rhetorical question to where it may be heard.

How many times have I told you not to look at Tim's exam paper?

What do you believe to be the most pressing issue in society at present?

There's nothing like a hot cup of tea, is there?

Do you know how much we spend on printing paper each month?

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