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Problem and Solution Worksheet

Persuasive writing seeks to compel someone into doing something. Some people think that it is difficult to get people to listen to them, and, even more difficult, to persuade someone into doing something.

We have all read something that is intended to get us to do something. The most common persuasive message is a simple advertisement encouraging us to buy something, for instance a particular energy drink. Persuasive messages can come in any media form.

If you want to improve your persuasive writing skills you should begin first by reading some persuasive writing. Next, read the message actively, not passively. Active reading means that the reader is more involved in the material. Thus, the active reader will read with purpose, look for the main idea, listen to its tone and seek to identify the theme. The active reader will not ignore complex words; such a reader will first try to understand the word according to the content it is placed in before searching for its meaning in the dictionary. You can learn to enjoy reading and developing your writing skills if you read actively.

Question

1. What problem was identified in this passage?

- ☐ Some people find it difficult to talk to others.
- ☐ Some people don't know how to talk to people.
- ☐ Some people think it is difficult to persuade others.
- ☐ Some people don't like energy drinks

2. What solutions are offered to the reader?

- ☐ One should read as much persuasive writing as possible.
- ☐ One should try to memorize various writings
- ☐ One should memorize complex words.