

Pupil C – Piece C: a formal persuasive letter

Context: after reading a newspaper report about the use of macaque monkeys for the purpose of 'entertainment' in Indonesia, pupils researched the topic. They then wrote a formal letter with the purpose of persuading the Governor of Indonesia to stop the practice.

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Dear Mr Widodo,

I would be extremely grateful if you took the time to read this letter, as I know you are a very busy man. During a lesson, our class came across a newspaper report about the baby macaques, which shocked us. I would like to inform you that I am a year six student at a school in H. \_\_\_\_\_ . ~~The monkeys are being~~  
~~totally~~

Could I tell you a little bit about monkeys and their natural habitat? Monkeys are beautiful, intelligent creatures. They are sociable animals and like being around other monkeys. Their ~~own~~ <sup>spacious</sup> home is in the beautiful forests of Sumatra. They enjoy the freedom and space around them, ~~exploring~~ <sup>exploring</sup> within the forest, these monkeys ~~enjoy~~ <sup>love</sup> ~~to climb~~ <sup>to climb</sup> the leafy, green trees and ~~playing~~ <sup>play</sup> with each other. However, this is not the life they are experiencing in your country. Monkeys are living a life of hell. Do you want your monkeys to be in a barbaric environment? Is this ~~to~~ <sup>would like</sup> what you ~~would like~~ <sup>would like</sup> for these cheeky ~~animals?~~ <sup>animals?</sup>

This ~~long~~ <sup>horrible</sup> process starts in the ~~forests~~ <sup>emerald</sup> of Sumatra. Teams of poachers use ~~appalling~~ <sup>appalling</sup> ways to trap them. The most popular method is to shoot the mother and prise the clinging baby from her. These adventurous creatures are being taken away from their forest home then unfortunately sold to 'entertainers'. These innocent baby macaques are now endangered. Baby macaques are ~~prized~~ <sup>prized</sup> as they have a longer life. The poachers are paid two pounds for each monkey by dealers who sell them onto street 'entertainers' in Jakarta for five pounds each. Do you think this is acceptable, Mr Widodo? Five pounds for a life?

Furthermore, these innocent creatures are hung upside down so they ~~can~~ <sup>learn</sup> learn how to walk upright, I get ~~feel~~ <sup>feel</sup> shocked and disgusted by what your citizens are doing to these animals. This practise is sickening. If that was not enough,

they <sup>next</sup> put <sup>piercing</sup> metal chains around their neck as the chain bites in. This is unacceptable. If they do not obey their <sup>master's</sup> master they are punished. Mr Widodo, how is this fair on the baby macaques? ~~\*\*\*~~ This terrible practice is killing more and more monkeys and if nothing happens they could become extinct. With all due respect, if you are letting this happen in your country you are as bad as the poachers. The monkeys are then trapped in isolation as they are forced to <sup>it</sup> live inside little cramped boxes. This is a life of hell for the baby macaques. ~~This~~ is <sup>an</sup> un-natural <sup>process</sup>. Do you want this for the monkeys in your country? I am really ~~horrified~~ <sup>horrified</sup>! Unfortunately, these animals are starved and only fed when they obey their masters orders. I have been deeply affected by this.

May I share some of my ideas to combat this horrifying problem? Firstly, I think ~~we~~ <sup>you</sup> should create jobs and pay people to protect them in their natural habitat. If you put <sup>your</sup> people in these jobs ~~they~~ <sup>poachers</sup> would not have any ~~access~~ access to these special creatures. Just to remind you this behaviour is illegal. Why are these evil people still torturing them if it is illegal? If the poachers are caught hunting for these fragile animals, they should be <sup>highly</sup> ~~be~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~pay~~ <sup>pay</sup> ~~highly~~. As for the entertainers, ~~they should~~ if they are caught they should have <sup>a</sup> long prison sentence. I think this will make the poachers and <sup>entertainers</sup> stop if they know the harsh <sup>and</sup> ~~punishment~~ <sup>penalty</sup>. Secondly, I think you should set up a <sup>sanctuary</sup> for the monkeys to be rescued and then rehabilitated. These <sup>trapped</sup> monkeys will not act like a normal monkey if they have been through this <sup>process</sup>. I think they can hopefully come back to their natural habitat after this <sup>treatment</sup>. ~~People of your own country can be paid highly if they do this.~~ ~~we I want~~

Thank you for reading this letter, Mr Widodo, I will <sup>be</sup> looking forward to hearing your reply. I know you are a decent man so ~~you~~ I look forward to ~~hearing~~ ~~seeing~~ what you will do to help these helpless creatures.

Yours sincerely,

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