

Princess Penny and the pea need your help. They want to persuade everyone at court that they should listen to what talking peas have to say and that they deserve to be eaten, should they wish.

Can you help either Penny or the pea write a speech that will convince everyone that peas have rights too!? Write the speech as if you are Penny or the pea.

Here are some useful ways to persuade people:

1. **Start positively by stating your case.** Write how you will start your speech, for example, *'I firmly believe that...'*

2. **Convince the listeners that you know what you are talking about, for example, maybe you know how it feels to be treated differently - you're a princess, but you want to be treated like everyone else.** How could you convince people they should listen to you?

3. **Use powerful statistics, such as '9 out of 10 people support the rights of talking peas'.** What statistics will you use? (You can make them up in this case, unless you know any talking peas).

4. **Dazzle the reader with quotes from experts, such as 'Dr Pop, the leading expert in talking vegetables, states that 'Peas have strong feelings; they have been shown to exhibit pain, fear, anger, happiness and joy'.** What quote from an expert could you use?

5. **Turn things around. Think about what the advisors might say about the importance of experimenting on the pea and find something to show you disagree. It's a good idea to have three key points you want to make.** Think about what the advisors might argue and how you might argue against them. What will be your three key points?

6. **Use powerful sentence starters, such as 'It is clear to see...'** and **strong adjectives, such as 'this confident pea'.** Choose three powerful sentence starters and three strong adjectives to describe the pea or other things from the story.

7. **Appeal to the court's emotions, for example 'We need to ensure that even the tiniest of peas has rights!'** What could you say to persuade the court to see things from the pea's perspective?

8. **Finish with a strong concluding sentence that sums up your thoughts. It could start, 'To conclude, I strongly believe that...'** What will you say to finish powerfully?

9. Now you are ready to write your speech. Make it as powerful as you can and when you have finished it, stand up and read it to everyone listening and see if you've convinced them of the rights of the incredible, talking pea!