

Using Persuasive Words

One way to persuade a reader to agree with you is to use **persuasive words**. Some persuasive words are in favor of something, such as *important*, *best*, and *great*. Some are against something, such as *awful*, *worst*, and *terrible*. Words such as *should* and *must* are also persuasive.

You must read this incredible book.

No one should watch that awful show.

Directions Write the persuasive words or phrases that the writer uses in the following paragraphs.

I've just seen the most amazing movie. It's called *Journey to the Center of the Earth*, and it was made a long time ago. The plot is very exciting. It's about a scientist who leads a group of people underground through an extinct volcano. They have incredible adventures, including fighting some weird-looking dinosaurs. (The special effects are pretty bad!) The end is thrilling. All the people get shot into the air by a volcano.

If you enjoy adventure stories, you should watch this movie.

Possible answer:
most amazing; very exciting; incredible; weird-looking; pretty bad; thrilling; enjoy; should

Directions Write two sentences about each subject below. Use persuasive words.

Possible answers:

A bad song

This song is terrible. The music is dull, and the words are incomprehensible.

A good soccer team

Our soccer team is unbeatable. The players have skill, talent, and desire.

A popular restaurant

You must go to Charlie's Diner. The apple pie is delicious.