

Worksheet C

Imagine that your class has £100 to donate to a charity. You would like to donate the money to the **RSPCA** but some of your colleagues have other ideas. You will need to convince them that your charity deserves to get the money.

1. Read the information about your charity.
2. Discuss which points you should highlight about the charity.
3. Guess the arguments against your charity. Think of counter arguments.

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA) is the oldest animal welfare charity in the UK. It was set up in 1824. It works hard to 'create a world where humans respect and live in harmony with all other members of the animal kingdom'.

A few statistics

- More than 4 million animals are used in scientific experiments each year.
- In 2014 the RSPCA received 1,299, 163 phone calls from people reporting cruelty to an animal.
- The RSPCA found new homes for 53,263 animals in 2014.
- The UK pet population is about 21 million.

How the charity helps:

- Rescuing, giving veterinary care and finding new homes for animals.
- Carrying out research to improve the standards of care for animals.
- Influencing governments so that laws are changed and animals are better protected.

Giving your opinion I think that.... I'm convinced that.... As I see it.... Personally, I believe... In my opinion.... It's clear to me that...	Disagreeing I take your point, but... I understand what you are saying but... I wouldn't say that. I don't agree at all. I see what you mean, but ... But surely...?
Emphasising a point I'd like to stress the point that... I'd to highlight... Can I emphasise the fact that...? It's important to remember that... The crucial point is... This supports my argument that...	Persuading But surely you can see that...? Just stop and think for a moment. Try to see things from my point of view. I can tell you from experience that ... If you look at the evidence ... But you can't deny that ...