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Topic, Purpose, and Audience

Every media text has a topic, a purpose, and an audience.

Most media texts, like television advertisements, posters, and billboards, use pictures and words.

Examples of Media Texts





Topic

The topic is the subject of the media text.

e.g.





Purpose

The purpose is what the media text is meant to do, which can be:

- to entertain
- · to inform
- to instruct
- to persuade



The purpose is to persuade you to buy a bed from Bedtime.







Audience

The audience is a person or one or more groups of people for whom a media text is created.

An audience can be decided based on age, gender, or location.

e.g.







The parents on the poster look happy. The audience of this poster must be parents with young kids.





With the added information, the audience of the poster becomes parents with young kids living in the Smartville area.

I want to get a bed like this too, so kids like me can also be the audience.



A. Listen to the audio clips. Then circle the correct answers.



For questions 1 and 2, you have to listen to the audio clips first. Then check the answers.



1.



Topic:

toys / bikes

Purpose:

to persuade / to instruct

2.



Topic:

sandwiches / soups

Purpose:

to entertain / to persuade

3.



Topic:

painting sculpture show show

Purpose:

to inform / to instruct

4.



Topic:

drawings / dragons

Purpose:

to instruct / to entertain

B. Match the audiences with the correct media texts.











Audience

one person



one group



more than one group





C. Look at each media text. Write how the audience was decided.



Be a creator with Playdough!

EE Books! Limit one book per family in Cape Town!

3. **Coming Soon** Roseanne-Town

4. **New Lip Balm Flavours** Collect all 10! Lip Balm Forever



D. Look at each media text. Write the topic, purpose, and audience of each media text.