

The Green Field
Streamside
Storyland
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Pest Control Officer
Council Offices
Village-by-the-Water
Storyland

Dear Sir,

I am writing to seek help in ridding my locality of a terrible pest. The Troll that lives under the bridge near my home is causing my family great distress.

Firstly, every time my sensitive wife trip-trots over the bridge, he leaps out and makes her jump out of her skin. He then rolls about laughing until green, slimy tears roll down his cheeks and he tumbles back into his den. Is this the behaviour of a reasonable citizen? I fear that if there are more incidents like this, my wife's heart will miss a beat and she will require expensive veterinary care.

In addition, when my vulnerable young kid skips down to the stream's edge for a refreshing sip of water, the hideous creature threatens to eat him. This is traumatising my son, causing him to have horrific nightmares. He is so nervous about approaching the river bank that there is a real possibility he will become dehydrated.

Furthermore, this monster's appalling behaviour is bringing down the value of land in this locality. Soon all the well-behaved, polite goats, who pay all their council tax on time, will be compelled to find fresh pastures. Surely you don't want this part of the countryside to be seen as a no-go area for respectable families?

I trust that you and your team of exterminators will be quick in acting to rid our beautiful valley of the delinquent Troll who takes such pleasure in terrorising my peace-loving family.

Yours faithfully

B.B.G.Gruff

LO: To develop comprehension of a persuasive text

1. Who wrote the letter?
2. Who is the letter to?
3. What is the purpose of the letter- write a summary of the letter?
4. Can you identify a rhetorical question?
5. Can you find a word which means costs a lot of money?
6. What does delinquent mean?
kind *criminal* *hero* *helpful*
7. Where does the troll live?
8. What 2 words are used to describe the troll's tears?
9. How do you know the son is scared of the troll?
10. If the writer of the letter got a reply, what do you think it would say?

Extension: Write your own comprehension questions about the letter.