

Here's Billy's letter again. In his letter, he uses some strong adjectives to help persuade readers. Find at least four strong adjectives and underline them.

Dear Editor

I think that building a new zoo is a bad thing.

I have several reasons for believing this.

Firstly, it is cruel to keep innocent animals in small cages and unnatural surroundings. The animals should live freely in the wild.

Secondly, some thoughtless people who visit zoos are unkind to the defenceless animals.

For example, they poke and tease animals. A further reason is there are already several in this country, so we don't need another one.

Therefore, although some people think that zoos are interesting places to visit, I think I have shown that animals are better off in the wild.

Yours faithfully

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Try reading the letter without these adjectives - does the letter still sound persuasive?

Here are some examples of verbs in Billy's letter: think, have, are, is, poke. Find these words and circle them. Are these verbs past or present tense?