What is a rhetorical question?

Rhetorical questions are questions which don't really require an answer. They are used to engage the reader, making them feel you are talking directly to them and involving them in your writing.

Can you spot the rhetorical question in this introduction?

Build your own spacecraft!

How would you like to be the chief engineer for an important NASA mission? In this activity, you get to design the latest and greatest satellite. Your satellite could help study things happening on Earth, take pictures of planets in our solar system, keep an eye on our sun, or even find planets elsewhere in the universel

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Would you like to create your own Egg Lander?

Are you ready to take on the challenge?

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Example: Are you ready to take on the challenge?

Turn this statement into rhetorical question. For example:

Create your own _____Would you like to create
Egg Lander. your own Egg Lander?

Find out which parachute is most efficient.

Metacognition

(Teacher example)

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Example: Are you ready to take on the challenge?

Create a range of rhetorical questions of your own.

Can you link them to your instructional writing?

Why not use the statements below if you're unsure.

Recreate the Perseverance landing on Mars.

The aim is to safely land the egg on the ground without breaking it.