



## Recognising different types of text

### What is text?

Text is any piece of writing. It could be a letter, an email, a novel, a poem, a recipe, a note, instructions for D.I.Y, an article in a newspaper or magazine, writing on a webpage or an advert.

All of these examples can be called **texts**.

When you're reading or writing any text think about the **purpose** of the text or why it has been written.

### What might the purpose of a text be?

- An advert might try to **persuade** you to buy something.
- A letter from school might **inform** you about something.
- A novel might **describe** somewhere or someone to you.
- A car manual might **instruct** you how to do something to your car.

Depending on the **purpose** of the text, different writing methods will be used to get the message across to the reader.

For more information about some of the different types of text, see the following factsheets: **Persuasive texts**, **Informative texts**, **Instructive texts** and **Descriptive texts**.