

# Purpose Exercise

**Exercise : Read the following paragraphs and write the author's purpose (persuade, inform, entertain, criticize, warn, or compare) in each of them.**

1. It was a glorious morning in Alabama. The sun was shining through the trees. Alan couldn't wait to find his fishing pole and call his friend Sam to go fishing. They had a great time on these early morning fishing trips. They took their dogs with them and the dogs swam in the lake while they were fishing. It was so funny to watch those dogs paddle around the lake. The author's purpose in this paragraph is to \_\_\_\_\_

2. The Slim-O-Matic will help you lose pounds and inches from your body in a month. Thanks to this amazing machine, you can exercise correctly as it provides a video to show you the proper way to exercise. Pay \$75.99 and begin exercising today.  
The author's purpose in this paragraph is to \_\_\_\_\_

3. The Underground Railroad was a secret organization which helped slaves escape to freedom. Many slaves were able to escape using the conductors and station masters. The northern states were free states and slaves were free when they arrived in the north. Secret codes and signals were used to identify the conductors and station masters. The author's purpose in this paragraph is to \_\_\_\_\_

4. I went to Zebra's Diner yesterday. The seating arrangement inside the restaurant was really poor as customers had to face the walls. I sat at the cleanest table I could find. Fifteen minutes after I sat down, a teenage boy with long, dirty hair finally arrived to take my order. After another 35 minutes, my food arrived, but it was cold and not as delicious as I had hoped. Visiting Zebra's Diner was certainly an experience to remember, but one that I never hope to repeat. The author's purpose in this paragraph is to \_\_\_\_\_

5. The potential benefits of artificial intelligence (AI) are huge. Success in creating AI would be the biggest event in human history. Unfortunately, it might also be the last. While it's physically possible to create computers more powerful than the human brain, it is certainly not advisable. AI may get so intelligent that it may start continually improving its own design. It may come to a point where AI develops weapons that we cannot even understand, so we may not be able to control it at all.  
The author's purpose in this paragraph is to \_\_\_\_\_

6. Judy Glen's amazing Wrinkle Remover cream will make you look younger in thirty days or less. This remarkable cream has special ingredients to make your wrinkles disappear. The cost for a thirty day supply is \$ 25.99. Send your check to P.O.Box 00002, Shelton, CA 74836. The author's purpose in this paragraph is to \_\_\_\_\_

7. Laura Elizabeth Ingalls Wilder was born on February 7, 1867 in Pepin, Wisconsin to Charles and Caroline Ingalls. She met and married Almanzo James Wilder in 1885. She published many books based on her travels to the west. Her writing became the basis for the " Little House" series She died in 1957.  
The author's purpose in this paragraph is to \_\_\_\_\_

8. Katina and her brother, Jess were playing with the water hose outside one day. Jess was hiding from Katina so she wouldn't squirt him with the water. The back door opened and Katina pointed the water hose toward the door. It was Mom and she was dripping wet!  
The author's purpose in this paragraph is to \_\_\_\_\_