

Author's Purpose Worksheet

Instructions:

Read each passage carefully. Then, decide if the author's purpose is **to entertain, to persuade, or to inform**. Circle the correct option.

Passage 1

Earth revolves around the sun once every 365 days, creating seasons on our planet. The tilt of Earth's axis causes differences in weather patterns, such as summer and winter.

Author's Purpose:

- a) To entertain
- b) To persuade
- c) To inform

Passage 2

Last winter, I slipped on the ice while carrying hot chocolate. I ended up with cocoa on my jacket, in my hair, and even on my dog! Everyone laughed so hard, even me.

Author's Purpose:

- a) To entertain
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Passage 3

Everyone should recycle! By reusing paper, glass, and plastic, we can reduce waste and protect our environment. Join your community recycling program today to make a difference.

Author's Purpose:

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Passage 4

Shakespeare was a famous English playwright who lived during the 16th century. His plays, such as *Romeo and Juliet* and *Hamlet*, are still read and performed today.

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Passage 5

I once tried to bake a cake without sugar because I thought honey would be enough. The result? A flat, sticky mess that tasted like sweet rubber! My family still teases me about it.

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Passage 6

Did you know that honey never spoils? Archaeologists have found pots of honey in ancient Egyptian tombs that are still edible thousands of years later.

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Passage 7

Don't waste money on bottled water! Tap water in most cities is just as safe, and using a refillable bottle helps save the environment. Choose the smarter option—ditch the plastic.

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Passage 8

A little girl whispered to the stray kitten, and it followed her all the way home. That night, she tucked it into a tiny blanket, and the kitten purred itself to sleep.

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Passage 9

Regular exercise improves mental health, strengthens muscles, and reduces the risk of chronic diseases. Doctors recommend at least 30 minutes of physical activity most days of the week.

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Passage 10

I once entered a pie-eating contest. At first, I was confident, but by the third slice, I looked like a blueberry balloon! The crowd cheered, but I couldn't look at pie for weeks.

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