

Reading Comprehension: Purpose & Tone

Part I – Multiple Choice: Choose the best answer for each question.

- What does an author's **purpose** describe?
 - The setting of the story
 - Why the author wrote the text
 - The main character's feelings
 - The order of events
- Which of the following is an example of an author writing to **persuade**?
 - A recipe
 - A newspaper article
 - A commercial encouraging people to buy a product
 - A science textbook
- Tone refers to:
 - The number of characters in a story
 - The author's attitude toward the subject
 - The ending of the text
 - The setting of the story
- Which tone word best describes a happy and cheerful text?
 - Angry
 - Joyful
 - Serious
 - Frightened
- A text filled with facts and explanations is most likely written to:
 - Entertain
 - Persuade
 - Inform
 - Scare
- Which sentence shows a persuasive purpose?
 - "The cat slept all afternoon."
 - "Recycling helps reduce pollution, so everyone should recycle."
 - "The rain fell steadily all night."
 - "George Washington was the first president."
- Which tone is most likely used in a scary story?
 - Excited
 - Humorous
 - Suspenseful
 - Peaceful
- If an author uses many jokes and funny details, the tone is likely:
 - Serious
 - Humorous
 - Nervous
 - Formal
- Which of the following is written mainly to entertain?
 - A novel
 - A textbook
 - A weather report
 - A manual
- What can help readers determine tone?
 - Word choice
 - Font size
 - Number of pages
 - Chapter titles

Part II – Read the Paragraphs and Answer the Questions

Passage 1

Mia stepped onto the stage with shaking hands. The bright lights made her nervous, and the crowd seemed enormous. She took a deep breath, smiled, and began to sing. By the end of the performance, the audience cheered loudly.

- What is the tone of this paragraph?
 - Angry
 - Nervous
 - Silly
 - Confused

12. Which detail best supports the tone?
- A. "The audience cheered loudly."
 - B. "Mia stepped onto the stage."
 - C. "The bright lights made her nervous."
 - D. "She began to sing."
13. What is the author's main purpose?
- A. To persuade
 - B. To entertain
 - C. To inform
 - D. To explain directions
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Passage 2

Plastic waste harms oceans and wildlife every day. People can help by recycling, using reusable bags, and reducing trash. Even small actions can make a big difference for the environment.

14. What is the author's purpose?
- A. To entertain
 - B. To describe
 - C. To persuade
 - D. To tell a story
15. What tone best describes this paragraph?
- A. Encouraging
 - B. Frightened
 - C. Humorous
 - D. Confused
16. Which sentence best shows the author's purpose?
- A. "Plastic waste harms oceans and wildlife every day."
 - B. "People can help by recycling..."
 - C. "Even small actions can make a big difference..."
 - D. Both B and C
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Passage 3

The museum opened in 1920 and contains over 10,000 historical artifacts. Visitors can explore exhibits about ancient civilizations, inventions, and famous historical events.

17. What is the author's purpose?
- A. To persuade
 - B. To entertain
 - C. To inform
 - D. To scare
18. What tone best describes this paragraph?
- A. Informative
 - B. Angry
 - C. Excited
 - D. Sad