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## Reading Comprehension

### AUTHOR'S PURPOSE

#### PERSUADE

The author is trying to get you to do or try something

**Easy as  
P.I.E.!**

#### INFORM

The author is trying to give you information and teach you facts.

#### ENTERTAIN

The author is trying to make you enjoy the story by keeping the readers' attention.

**Read the description or example and determine the author's purpose: to entertain, to persuade, or to inform. Choose the correct answer.**

1. A pamphlet about state achievement tests and ways to prepare for them.

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

2. A comic book about a man that has superpowers and can see into the future.

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

3. Poster with geometry fact.

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

4. A short story in a literature textbook about a boy who collects words and shares them with others. This boy helps people feel better about themselves because he gives them words of praise or encouragement or sometimes words that remind them of a fond memory.

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

5. A speech written by a politician to the public telling them about beliefs and causes that are important to the politician and to encourage people to vote for him.

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

6. A novel about a family during the early 1800s and their hardships. It also tells about happy times they had as a family even though they were very poor and had to work hard.

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

**B. Determine the author's purpose for each example: inform, persuade, or entertain.**

7. Couponing is a growing trend in our country. As more people are losing their jobs or their hours and pay are being cut, they are looking for ways to save money. Coupons are an easy means of doing this. Yes, it may take a little work, but the payoff can be worth the time. If you get the daily paper already, you don't have to spend any money to get the coupons. In addition, there are online sites that allow you to select and print the coupons of your choice. Many stores even double or triple the value of the money saved. So if you want to find an easy way to help your family save money during these tough times, try couponing. There's nothing to lose and money to gain.

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8. Once upon a time in a faraway land, there lived a beautiful, magic frog named Frogella. This frog was so beautiful that people would come from far and wide to admire her. As if being this beautiful were not enough, Frogella could turn rocks into diamonds. Her father feared that an evil villain in the neighboring kingdom had plans to kidnap Frogella and use her magic to get rich. He visited the magic penguin and asked that she put a spell on Frogella so that no one from the neighboring village could recognize her. She sent a potion home for Frogella to drink. To everyone in her village, she remained a beautiful frog. But, they knew the spell worked when the evil villain came to town and asked Frogella if she knew where he could find the beautiful Frogella. When he left without seeing Frogella, the town celebrated with joy. Their beautiful frog was safe!

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9. Don't miss our greatest sale of the year! Yes, you heard right. Everything in the store will be on sale. We value our customers and want to show our appreciation. So come on down and save!! Everything in the store is 25%, 50%, even 75% off this Saturday from 6 a.m. till noon. Don't be late!

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**Voting Rules**

- ❖ Sign in and get ballot.
- ❖ Go to private booth.
- ❖ Placed mark ballot in box.
- ❖ NOT TALKING.

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