

Reading Comprehension: Purpose & Tone

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

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

11. What is the tone of this paragraph?
 - A. Angry
 - B. Nervous
 - C. Silly
 - D. 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