

Name:  Date:

Author's Purpose (reason for writing)

Authors can write:

 **To entertain** (to make people laugh)

 **To persuade** (convince people to believe in something).

 **To inform** (to teach people about something)



-Read each of the following and identify the author's purpose.

1- Dogs are the best pets. They are very loving and helpful. It's fun to teach them new tricks. You should get a dog .

What is the author's purpose?



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2- There are many different kinds of cats in this world. They come in many colors and sizes.



What is the author's purpose?

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3- Rabbit thought Turtle was slow. So rabbit and turtle has a race. Rabbit fell asleep and turtle won the race.

What is the author's purpose?



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4- Joe had been fishing for over two hours without a single bite. Suddenly there was a nibble at the end of his fishing line. He stood up on the boat and leaned out too far. Just then there was a sharp yank on the line. Joe fell overboard and landed head first into the water. Joe and his friends laughed and laughed.

What is the author's purpose?



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5- The giant panda is a bearlike animal that has thick white fur with black markings on its ears, limbs, shoulders, and around its eyes.

The purpose of writing this piece was



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