

Author's Purpose

Instructions: Read each paragraph carefully. Then, write the author's purpose: Persuade, Inform, or Entertain. Below, explain how you know using clues from the text.

1- Have you ever wanted a pet that is quiet, clean, and easy to care for? Fish are the perfect choice! Unlike dogs, they don't bark or need walks. Unlike cats, they don't shed or scratch furniture. Fish come in all colors and sizes, and watching them swim is both relaxing and fun. Many people find that having a fish tank helps them feel calm after a long day. If you want a low-maintenance pet that adds beauty to your home, visit your local pet store and pick out your perfect fish today!

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2 Have you ever wondered why the Moon looks different each night? The Moon goes through phases as it orbits Earth, changing how much sunlight we see reflecting off of it. There are eight major phases, including the full moon, new moon, and crescent moon. These changes happen in a regular pattern over about 29 days. The Moon doesn't make its own light—it reflects sunlight. Learning about moon phases helps scientists understand how objects in space move and affect Earth.

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3 Jacob gripped the sides of the canoe as it wobbled on the lake. “Don’t tip it!” his sister yelled, laughing. But it was too late—Jacob had leaned too far to one side, and with a loud splash, both of them tumbled into the water. Their dog, Max, barked happily from the shore, wagging his tail. Wet and laughing, the kids swam back to the dock, promising not to rock the boat next time—literally.

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4 Plastic bottles, paper, glass jars—do you throw them away? You shouldn’t! These items can be recycled and turned into new things. Recycling helps reduce waste in landfills, which protects animals and the environment. Instead of filling trash cans, recycling gives materials a second life. For example, old newspapers can become new paper, and plastic containers can be used to make park benches or clothing. It’s easy to help—just sort your recyclables into the correct bins and encourage your family to do the same.

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