Reading Comprehension: Purpose & Tone Worksheet

Directions: Read each paragraph carefully. Then answer the questions about the author's **purpose** and **tone**.

Paragraph 1
The thunder crashed loudly outside while Ava pulled her blanket tightly around her shoulders. The lights flickered, and the wind rattled the windows. She jumped when a tree branch scraped against the roof.

Questions

1. What is the tone of this paragraph?
   A. Cheerful
   B. Suspenseful
   C. Humorous
   D. Calm
2. Which detail best supports the tone?
   A. "Ava pulled her blanket tightly around her shoulders."
   B. "The wind rattled the windows."
   C. "The lights flickered."
   D. All of the above
3. What is the author's purpose?
   A. To persuade
   B. To entertain
   C. To inform
   D. To explain

Paragraph 2
Eating healthy foods gives your body energy and helps you stay strong. Fruits and vegetables contain important vitamins that help your body function properly. Drinking water and exercising regularly are also important for good health.

Questions

4. What is the author's purpose?
   A. To entertain
   B. To persuade
   C. To inform
   D. To confuse
5. What tone best describes this paragraph?
   A. Informative
   B. Angry
   C. Silly
   D. Frightened
6. Which sentence best supports the author's purpose?
   A. "Eating healthy foods gives your body energy..."
   B. "Drinking water and exercising regularly..."
   C. "Fruits and vegetables contain important vitamins..."
   D. All of the above

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Paragraph 3

Everyone should help keep parks clean by throwing trash away properly. Litter can harm animals and make parks less enjoyable for families. If everyone works together, parks will stay beautiful for everyone to enjoy.

Questions

7. What is the author's purpose?
   A. To entertain
   B. To persuade
   C. To inform
   D. To tell a story
8. What tone best describes this paragraph?
   A. Encouraging
   B. Angry
   C. Nervous
   D. Sad
9. Which sentence best shows persuasion?
   A. "Litter can harm animals..."
   B. "Parks will stay beautiful..."
   C. "Everyone should help keep parks clean..."
   D. "Families enjoy parks."

Paragraph 4

Mason grinned as he opened the giant box in the living room. Inside was the skateboard he had wanted for months. He immediately ran outside to try it while laughing excitedly.

Questions

10. What is the tone of this paragraph?
    A. Joyful
    B. Serious
    C. Suspenseful
    D. Angry
11. What is the author's purpose?
    A. To persuade
    B. To inform
    C. To entertain
    D. To explain
12. Which detail best supports the tone?
    A. "Mason grinned..."
    B. "He had wanted for months."
    C. "He ran outside to try it..."
    D. Both A and C

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