

Sports Opinions

Reading and Writing Practice

Part 1: Read each opinion paragraph. Write the author's specific purpose. An example is below.

Yoga



Yoga is a good practice. One reason is that yoga helps to make you strong. Another reason is that it helps you relax. Finally, yoga is a good practice because it helps you become more flexible. Everyone should practice yoga!

The **purpose** of this text is to persuade people that yoga is a good practice.

I know this because the text says "good practice," "strong," "relax," and "Everyone should practice yoga."

LeBron James



LeBron James is the best basketball player in the NBA. He is the best because he is strong and runs fast. He also works together with this team. Finally, he is the best player because he won four championships. This is why LeBron James is the best basketball player.

The **purpose** of this text is to persuade people that _____.

I know this because the text says _____.

Golf



Golf is a boring sport. One reason is that golf players do not run, jump, or tackle. Another reason is that golf players do not work together with a team. Finally, golf is boring because mostly old people like to play it. You should play a different sport instead of golf.

The **purpose** of this text is to persuade people that _____.

I know this because the text says _____.

Cycling vs. Track



I think track is more challenging than cycling. One reason is that running is more difficult than sitting on a bicycle seat. Another reason is that runners jump over hurdles, but cyclers do not. Finally, track is more challenging than cycling because runners work together with their team. This is why track is more challenging than cycling.

The **purpose** of this text is to _____.

I know this because the text says _____.

Part 2: Write a paragraph showing **your opinion** of each sport below. Remember to include:

- a **topic sentence** with your opinion,
- 2-3 supporting **details**,
- and a **concluding sentence** that re-states your opinion.

Football



I think football is _____. One reason is that _____.
Another reason is that _____. One final reason is that
_____. This is why football is _____.

Tennis

