



## Author's purpose

### Reading Comprehension Worksheet

#### Practice

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 An author's **purpose** is the reason for writing something.

- Sometimes the **purpose** is *to give us information*.
- Sometimes the **purpose** is *to convince us to believe or do something*.
- Sometimes the **purpose** is *to surprise us or make us laugh*.

Sometimes an author has *more than one purpose* for writing.  
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Here are some short sections of different kinds of writing. Think about the author's **purpose** for writing each one.

The energy that drives the water cycle is heat. When heat is added to ice, the ice melts into water. When heat is added to water, the water evaporates, turning from liquid into gas.

1. What is the author's purpose for writing? (There may be more than one correct answer.)
  - A. to give us information
  - B. to convince us to believe or do something
  - C. to surprise us or make us laugh

If you've tried and have not won,  
 Never stop for crying.  
 All that's great and good is done  
 Just by patient trying.

2. What is the author's purpose for writing? (There may be more than one correct answer.)
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When meteoroids enter the earth's atmosphere and start to burn, they are called meteors. They are visible from the ground, as they appear to shoot across the sky. We call them shooting stars. Shooting stars are not stars at all: they are meteors!

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4. What is another example of something written to give us information?

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5. What is another example of something to convince us to believe or do something?

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6. What is another example of something written to surprise us or make us laugh?

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### Answer Key

1. A
2. B
3. A and/or C
- 4-6 Accept any reasonable responses.