

Identifying the author's purpose

Grade 3 Reading Worksheet

An author can write to:

<u>P</u> ersuade	<u>I</u> nform	<u>E</u> ntertain
Get you to do something or believe something	Give you information	Tell you a story you will enjoy

Read each passage. Underline details that help you figure out the author's purpose. Then, answer the questions.

Hint: Each purpose is used once!

Passage #1:

Engineers are people who solve problems and build things. They use math, science and creativity to design bridges, buildings and machines. Their work helps make our world a safer and more fun place to live.

Engineers solve problems by designing and building things that people use every day. They work in teams to come up with ideas and make plans. Before building, they use computers and tools to create drawings and models. Then, they test their work to make sure it is safe and works well. If something isn't right, they find a way to fix it.



Engineers usually enjoy solving puzzles and building things with their hands. At school, engineers learn about numbers, science and technology. Learning about these subjects helps them understand how the world works.

If someone likes building, fixing things and solving puzzles, being an engineer could be a great career for them. It is a job that helps people and makes our world better every day.



What is the author's purpose? Circle one.

Persuade

Inform

Entertain

Why did you choose this purpose? Explain with evidence from the text!

Passage #2:

Imagine a cozy house where every room is filled with light and warmth. This lovely home has a bright living room, a cheerful kitchen and a backyard that is perfect for playing outside. It is a place where families can create happy memories.

The house is located in a friendly neighborhood where neighbors smile and wave. Children can play safely, and the streets feel warm and welcoming. Every corner of the house invites you to relax and enjoy life.



Inside, each room is ready for your favorite decorations and fun family dinners. The kitchen is perfect for cooking yummy meals, and the living room is great for movie nights and laughter. The backyard is an ideal spot for outdoor games and gardening.

Don't miss this chance to make this house your home. It is a special place that can give you comfort, joy and a lifetime of happy moments. Visit today and see why this house is perfect for you and your family!

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Passage #3:

I am a little inchworm, and every day in the garden is a new adventure. I start my morning by inching along a big, green leaf covered in tiny drops of dew. The sunlight makes the leaf shine, and sometimes I can see my reflection!

As I move slowly, I meet friendly creatures along the way. A busy ant shows me where the tastiest leaves grow, and a kind snail waves from his shiny home. Suddenly, I hear a rustle in the bushes, and a big bird swoops down! My heart beats fast as I quickly hide under a leaf until the bird flies away.

I then continue my journey. At lunchtime, I rest under a bright sunflower. The warm sunshine and gentle breeze make me feel safe again. I watch butterflies flutter by and listen to the happy buzz of busy bees, feeling brave after my little scare.

When the sun sets, I inch back home to my tiny burrow in the soft soil. I feel happy after a fun day. I fall asleep dreaming of the adventures I'll have when I become a moth!



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Answers

Passage #1: Inform

Passage #2: Persuade

Passage #3: Entertain

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Accept any student responses as long as they include text evidence and explain how this evidence supports the correct author's purpose.