

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:

One bright morning, a little boy named Carlos discovered something exciting. As he swung on the swingset in his backyard, he found that he could fly! He had never been more surprised than when he lifted off the ground like a bird.

It didn't take long for Carlos to love it. He quickly put on his favorite red cape and soared high into the sky. He zoomed over his house, waved at his neighbors and even raced a flock of birds that flew beside him. The clouds looked like fluffy pillows as he flew by.



While exploring the park from above, Carlos spotted a kitten stuck on a high branch. With his new superpower, he gently swooped in, rescued the kitten and then landed safely back on the grass. People on the ground cheered as if they were watching a real superhero!

After a day full of daring adventures, Carlos returned home with a big smile. He had no idea how long this new superpower would last but he sure hoped he still had it tomorrow!



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:

Seatbelts are an important part of riding in a car. They help keep us safe by holding us in our seats during a bumpy ride or a sudden stop.

When a car stops quickly, the seatbelt spreads out the force of your body moving forward so that you do not get hurt. It keeps our bodies snug and secure, protecting our head, arms and legs. This helps prevent injuries during unexpected moments on the road.



In many places, wearing a seatbelt is the law. This means that drivers and passengers must buckle up before the car moves. The rule is made to help protect everyone on every ride!

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Passage #3:

Attention, shoppers! The supermarket is having a huge sale, and you won't want to miss it. All your favorite foods, snacks and treats are on sale at amazing prices.

Imagine walking down brightly lit aisles filled with fresh fruits, crunchy veggies and tasty surprises. Special deals and colorful displays make shopping fun and exciting for the whole family.

The friendly staff is ready to help you find the best bargains, and there are extra surprises hidden around every corner. It's the perfect time to fill your cart with goodies and save money on everyday items.

So, come on down to the supermarket today and join the shopping adventure! Enjoy the big sale, grab the best deals and make your family's day extra special.



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Answers

Passage #1: Entertain

Passage #2: Inform

Passage #3: Persuade

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

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