

## AUTHOR'S PURPOSE

### What is the Author's Purpose?

The **author's purpose** is the **reason** that he or she had for writing the text. Some authors' purposes are to:

- **Inform:** to teach us something
- **Entertain:** to make us smile
- **Persuade:** to get us to agree with the author

#### Examples

1] My Dad helped us read the menu at the restaurant.

What is the author's purpose in writing a menu?

- a] inform
- b] entertain
- c] persuade

The correct answer is a] inform. The correct answer is the choice that can

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- a] inform
- b] entertain
- c] persuade

The correct answer is b] entertain. The correct answer is certain the readers.



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### Try This!

1] Mr. West wrote a note to our parents asking for volunteers to help with our classroom parties.

What is the author's purpose in writing a note to our parents?

- a] inform
- b] entertain
- c] persuade

2] In Language Arts, we got a list of prefixes and their meanings.

What is the author's purpose in listing the prefixes and their meanings?

- a] inform
- b] entertain
- c] persuade