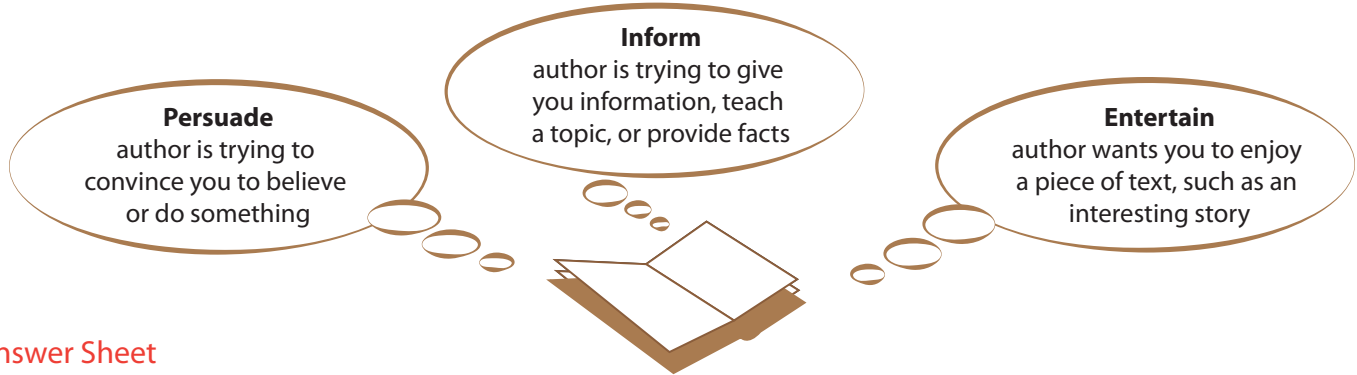


Identify the Author's Purpose



Answer Sheet

Directions: While reading each passage, underline clues that tell you about the author's purpose. Then, record the author's purpose on the answer line.

<p>Erosion is the process of materials moving from their source to another location through weathering. There are several types of erosion, but the most common types are erosion by wind, water, and ice.</p> <p>Author's Purpose <u> Inform </u></p>	<p>Students should be assigned a computer to use throughout the school year. Among many reasons, studies show that students who attend schools that have a 1:1 computer policy do better academically.</p> <p>Author's Purpose <u> Persuade </u></p>
<p>One warm afternoon, while walking home from school, Rosie glanced at her neighbor's house and noticed Mrs. Spencer lifting a fluffy kitten from a cardboard box. The words "Free Kittens" were written across the side of the box in large, black letters. Rosie squealed with excitement and ran home to tell her parents.</p> <p>Author's Purpose <u> Entertain </u></p>	<p>There are 24 time zones on Earth. Coordinated Universal Time is the standard time for the entire world. Moving east, add one hour for each time zone. Moving west, subtract one for each time zone.</p> <p>Author's Purpose <u> Inform </u></p>
<p>Students should have at least 15 minutes of recess during a school day. After all, students shouldn't be expected to sit all day! Furthermore, students don't feel as antsy and can focus more easily after they run around and play.</p> <p>Author's Purpose <u> Persuade </u></p>	<p>The development of a reliable steam engine in the late 1700s sparked the Industrial Revolution. Before the invention of the steam engine, machines were powered mostly by wind, water, horses, or humans.</p> <p>Author's Purpose <u> Inform </u></p>