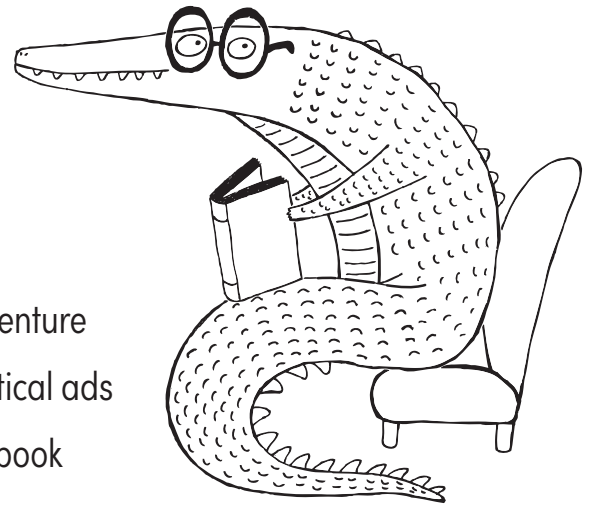


# Detecting the AUTHOR'S PURPOSE

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Select & Sort** Sort each example in the "Types of Text" section into its correct column.



## TYPES OF TEXT:

letter to the editor      biography      comic book      adventure  
 advertisement      realistic fiction      brochure      political ads  
 reviews      recipe      fantasy      textbook

**Author's Purpose.** Think: *Why did the author write this text?*

<b>PERSUADE</b>	<b>INFORM</b>	<b>ENTERTAIN</b>
When the author's purpose is to <b>persuade</b> , it means the author is trying to get you to do, try, or believe something.	When the author's purpose is to <b>inform</b> , it means that the author is trying to give you information, teach a topic, and/or provide facts.	When the author's purpose is to <b>entertain</b> , it means that the author wants you to enjoy a piece of text, such as an interesting story.
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**Make a Match!** Each of the following sentences describes a type of text. Draw a line from each sentence to its match.

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| 1. An article urging readers to eat their vegetables | Inform    |
| 2. A fairy tale set in medieval times                | Persuade  |
| 3. A book that details how to build a birdhouse      | Entertain |