

Know Your Purpose

Authors write for different reasons, or **purposes**. They might want to inform, persuade, or entertain their readers. They might want to express their feelings or create a mood. Whatever reason an author has for writing, his or her purpose should be clear.

Directions Each numbered item describes the topic of a piece of writing. Match each topic with the letter of the purpose that best suits the topic.

A To entertain **B** To inform **C** To persuade

1. Why James Lopez should be president _____
2. The difference between tornadoes and hurricanes _____
3. A recipe for brownies _____
4. The day my hamster stole my lunch _____
5. What this school needs most _____
6. The funniest story I ever heard _____
7. Dogs should be kept on leashes _____
8. How to write a research paper _____
9. My most embarrassing moment _____
10. Lower the driving age _____

Directions Write two or three sentences about pets. Write with the purpose of informing, persuading, or entertaining your reader.
