

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

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

**Mice are the best pets of all. They are friendly, cute, and clean. You can teach them tricks, and they don't sleep all day like hamsters.**