

Author's Purpose • Predict

- The **author's purpose** is the reason an author writes something. Some reasons are to inform or teach, to entertain, to persuade, or to express ideas and feelings.
- Good readers try to **predict** what will happen and why. You can also **predict** the **author's purpose**.

Directions Read the passage and follow the directions to complete the graphic organizer.

Planting Bushes

STOP and answer Question 1 below.

The Lopez family had just built a nice house in the desert. The only problem was that the hot sun shone through the huge windows on the south side.

Early one morning, Dad and Grandpa planted bushes along the south side of the house.

“I wonder why they did that,” thought Lupe.

STOP and answer Question 2 below.

Every day, Dad or Grandpa watered the bushes. They began to grow. Soon the bushes got so tall they blocked the sun from coming in the windows.

“Now I know why they did that!” thought Lupe.



1. Before You Read: Read the title. For which reason might the author write a passage with this title?

Possible answer: to inform the reader how to plant bushes

2. As You Read: Predict the author's purpose. Why do you think the author is telling this story?

Possible answer: to entertain

3. After You Read: Give the author's purpose. Why did the author most likely write this selection? Explain.

to teach us that bushes can be a good way to keep out the sun



Home Activity Your child determined the author's purpose for writing a story. Purposes include to inform, to persuade, to entertain, or to express feelings or ideas. Talk about the author's purpose for writing tales your child is familiar with. Ask your child to give reasons for his or her answers.