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# Author's Purpose

**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.

**Directions** Read the title and answer question 1. Read the first part, and answer question 2. Then finish the passage and complete the graphic organizer.

## The Cat and the Cherries

**C**at loved cherries on the trees in the Orchard. Bird helped Cat by dropping cherries onto the ground so she could eat them. But today Bird was nowhere in sight. Cat just had to have a cherry!

Cat clawed her way up the tiny tree. After she feasted on several cherries, she

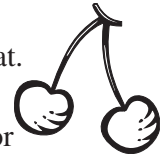
tried to go down. But she couldn't get out of the tree.

Then Bird flew by. "Why are you in the tree?" he asked.

"I wanted a cherry," said Cat.

"But now I can't get down."

"You should have waited for your friend to help you," said Bird.



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

**Possible answer: to entertain us about a cat that loves cherries**

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

**to entertain**

**3. After You Read:** Now what do you think the author's purpose was?

**to teach the reader to ask for help when it is needed**

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**Home Activity** Your child read a story and then determined the author's purpose. Read a fairy tale or fable to your child. Discuss reasons why the author may have written the story. If your child needs help, ask if the story teaches, entertains, persuades, or expresses ideas or feelings.