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# Author's Purpose

- The **author's purpose** is the reason or reasons the author has for writing.
- An author may have one or more reasons for writing. To *inform*, *persuade*, *entertain*, or *express* are common reasons.

**Directions** Answer the questions.

**Possible responses given.**

1. Why do you think the author wrote about the time Miranda forgot to water the plants?

**to show that when you don't water plants, they wilt**

2. Why do you think the author told about the special job each person had?

**to tell about the different things you need to do to grow vegetables**

3. Why do you think the author wrote a book about growing vegetables?

**to inform the reader how to grow a vegetable garden**

4. What do you think the author wanted you to learn about plants?

**They need water, weeding, and sunlight.**

5. What do you think the author wanted you to learn about working together?

**It's more fun for everyone, and the end result is better.**