

Name _____

Author's Purpose

- The **author's purpose** is the reason or reasons an author wrote a story.
- An author may have one or more reasons for writing. He or she may want to **inform, persuade, entertain, or express** a mood or feeling.

Directions Reread *Bobby's New Apartment* and then answer the following questions.
Possible responses given.

1. Why do you think the author wrote that "It looked like there were a hundred buttons" in the elevator?

to show that it was a big building

2. What did the author write that made you laugh or entertained you?

when Bobby wondered if people talk in elevators

3. Why do you think the author wrote about the basement?

to inform the reader how the garbage was taken care of

4. Why do you think the author wrote that the first time Bobby rode the elevator it made his stomach feel funny?

to show Bobby was scared

5. Why do you think the author wrote *Bobby's New Apartment*?

to inform the reader about apartment living