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# Author's Purpose

- The **author's purpose** is the reason or reasons an author has for writing 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** Read the following passage. Then answer the questions below.

**S**kateboarding is no longer what it once was. Long ago, skateboards were homemade, with roller-skate wheels attached to a plank of wood.

Now skateboarding is an entirely different ballgame! Skateboarders perform

moves called *ollies*, *McTwists*, and *caballerias*. Watch as the skater flips, spins, and turns, and you'll see gravity at work. Gravity holds the skateboard in place with the force of nature.

1. Why do you think the author wrote this paragraph? **Possible responses given.**  
**to inform about skateboarding**

2. Write a fact from the paragraph that gives information about skateboarding.  
**Skateboards used to be homemade.**

3. Write a fact from the paragraph about skateboarders.  
**They flip, spin, and turn on their boards.**

4. Do you think the author had more than one reason for writing about skateboards?  
 Why do you think this?  
**yes, to inform and to entertain**

5. Why do you think the author explains to the reader about gravity?  
**to give information**