Why Did the Author Write That?

Finding purpose and point of view



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Today we will...



WE ARE LEARNING TO

- Determine author's purpose or point of view
- Explain how details convey that purpose
- Support ideas with evidence from text

SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE

- ✓ I can name persuade, inform, entertain
- ✓ I can point to words that show purpose

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Purpose vs. Point of View

Purpose - WHY

- The reason the author writes
- To persuade, inform, or entertain
- Guides the whole text

Point of View - WHAT

- What the author thinks or feels
- Supportive, critical, proud, worried
- Shows in word choice and tone

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Remember PIE

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Persuade

Tries to get you to do or believe something.

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Inform

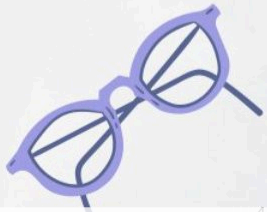
Gives facts and explains an idea clearly.

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Entertain

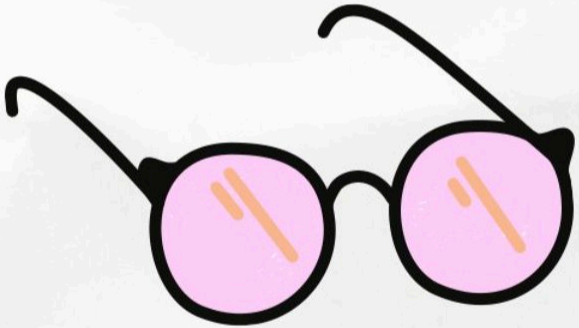
Tells a fun story to make you enjoy.



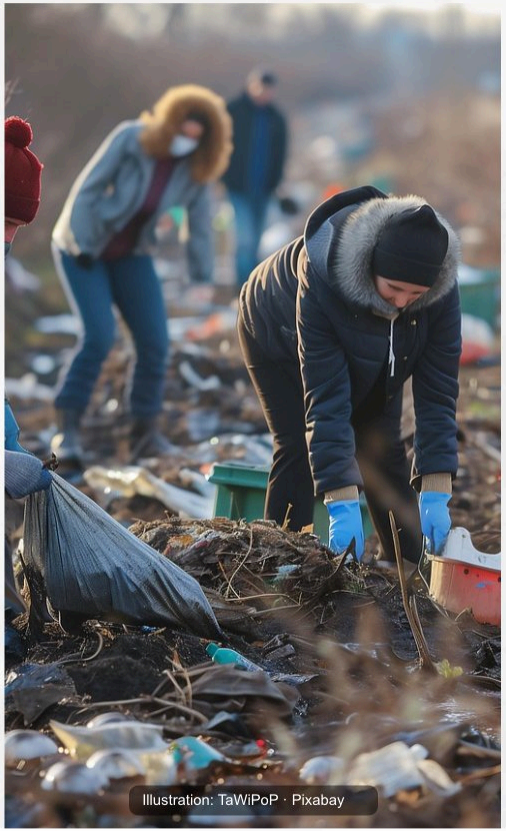


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Think, pair, share



Sign says: Help our park! Join cleanup Saturday! What is the purpose and what words show it?



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PIE in Action



▶ 0:00 – 5:00

- Listen for persuade, inform, entertain
- Note one clue word for each



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DID YOU KNOW?

Every author writes for a reason.

Every text is made to persuade, inform, or entertain readers.

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Purpose and Point of View



▶ 0:00 – 4:30

- Watch how word choice shows feelings
- Listen for why the author wrote





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Your task



Sort two mini-texts by purpose and prove it with clue words.

1. Read A: Sea turtles swim miles to nest. B: Vote for beach cleanup Saturday!
2. Label each persuade, inform, or entertain
3. Underline one word or detail that proves it

12 min

In pairs

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How Authors Show Purpose



Clues to Purpose

- word choice
- tone of voice
- what is included
- facts vs opinions
- headings and pictures

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What works best?

Which clue best shows an author's purpose?

A. Strong word choice

B. Facts and examples

C. Pictures and headings

Vote with your hands, then explain why.

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Quick quiz

1. What do P-I-E letters mean?
2. Sharks live in the ocean. What purpose?
3. You should vote for longer recess! How is purpose shown?





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