

# SMART™ Lesson

## Reading and Understanding: Author's Purpose

### What is Author's Purpose?

When we read a book, we know that the author wrote it for a reason. That reason is the author's purpose. An author writes to inform, entertain, or persuade the reader to believe or do something.

### Types of Author's Purpose

There are three main types of author's purpose:

1. **Inform** - The author wants to give the reader information or teach them something.
2. **Entertain** - The author wants to keep the reader interested and entertained.
3. **Persuade** - The author wants to convince the reader to believe or do something by making an argument.

### Identifying the Author's Purpose

By understanding the author's purpose, we can better understand what we read. Here are some things to look for to help identify the author's purpose:

- The title of the book or article.
- The tone of the writing - is it serious or funny?
- The use of persuasive language - is the author trying to convince you of something?
- The types of examples or stories the author uses to support their main points.

### Let's Practice!

Read each passage below and identify the author's purpose by circling either "inform", "entertain", or "persuade".

#### Passage 1:

Have you ever wondered how birds fly? Birds have strong wing muscles that help them flap their wings and stay up in the air. This is called "powered" flight. Some birds, like the albatross, can fly for hours without stopping because they can soar on air currents. Isn't that amazing?

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**Passage 2:**

The sun was shining and the birds were chirping as Jack walked through the park. Suddenly, he saw a squirrel scurrying up a tree. Jack chased after the squirrel, but it was too fast for him. He laughed and continued walking, enjoying the beautiful day.

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**Passage 3:**

It is important to conserve water in our daily lives. By turning off the faucet while brushing your teeth, you can save up to four gallons of water per minute! Also, fix leaky pipes and do not let the water run while washing dishes. Every little action helps save our planet.

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**Passage 4:**

Join the FunFit Club today! Our fitness program is designed to help you become healthier and happier. Membership includes weekly fitness classes, personalized nutrition plans, and a supportive community of like-minded individuals. Start your journey to a better you now.

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