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# Author's Purpose

## Focus

Writers always have a reason for writing a story.

The reason an author writes a story is called the **author's purpose**. Sometimes the author has more than one reason for writing the story. The author's purpose can be to

- **inform**, or provide general knowledge about a subject.
- **explain**, or tell the steps or reasons for a process.
- **persuade**, or talk the reader into feeling or doing something.
- **entertain**, or have the reader simply enjoy the story.

## Practice

**Match each book description with the correct author's purpose. Think about the author's reason for writing the book when you choose the purpose.**

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| <p>_____ 1. The author argues in favor of every school providing uniforms for each student.</p> <p>_____ 2. The author tells about her adventurous trip to the Ozarks.</p> <p>_____ 3. The author tells how to plan the perfect birthday party. This book gives detailed steps for everything from invitations to cleaning up the mess after the party.</p> <p>_____ 4. The author writes about the events surrounding a presidential election.</p> | <p><b>a.</b> inform</p> <p><b>b.</b> persuade</p> <p><b>c.</b> entertain</p> <p><b>d.</b> explain</p> |
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