Author's Purpose

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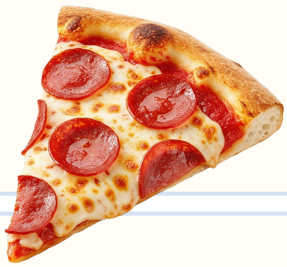
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Remember: Authors write for a reason. Remember **PIE**: **P**ersuade (convince you to think or do something), **I**nform (teach you facts), **E**ntertain (tell a story for fun).

Ask: Is the author trying to change my mind? Teach me? Or make me laugh or feel something?

Text A

Come to Tony's Pizza Palace! Our pizza is the best in town, with fresh dough made every morning. Bring this ad on Friday and get a free drink. Don't miss out!



Text B

Pizza first became popular in Naples, Italy. Many people make it by baking dough in a very hot oven with tomato sauce and cheese on top. Today, people eat pizza all over the world.

Text C

Gus the goat loved pizza more than anything. One night, he tiptoed into the farmhouse kitchen and ate a whole pepperoni pizza. In the morning, the farmer found Gus asleep on the counter with sauce on his beard.

1. What is the purpose?

Circle the author's purpose for each text.

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- (c) to entertain

2. Text B (facts about pizza)

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- (b) to inform
- (c) to entertain

3. Text C (Gus the goat)

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2. Sort more examples

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4	A letter asking the principal for a longer recess	persuade	inform	entertain
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Answer Key

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