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## Spotting Textual Clues

**Directions:** Read each passage. Then:

- **List two specific clues** (language, structure, statistics, tone, etc.) that help reveal the author's purpose.
- **Determine the author's purpose:** Inform, Persuade, or Entertain.

### 1. Headline: "The Case for a Four-Day Workweek"

Imagine having three days off every week. Studies from Iceland and New Zealand show that companies with four-day workweeks report **higher productivity** and **lower burnout**. Workers are not only happier, they also get more done. If we want a healthier workforce and a better quality of life, it's time to rethink the 40-hour standard.

Clue 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Clue 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Author's Purpose: \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Article Excerpt

**Caption:** *A technician examines a satellite image of the Amazon Rainforest.*

The Amazon is often called the "lungs of the Earth" because it produces about 20% of the planet's oxygen. Recent data shows that **deforestation increased by 22%** last year, pushing some areas closer to irreversible damage. Scientists warn that the rainforest could reach a tipping point where it can no longer sustain itself.

Clue 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Clue 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Author's Purpose: \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Story Excerpt

Jasper stood at the edge of the canyon, his backpack heavier than it had ever felt. The silence around him was thick, broken only by the rustle of wind against stone. Somewhere in the distance, a hawk screamed. He had made it this far—but the hardest part of the journey was still ahead.

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Author's Purpose: \_\_\_\_\_