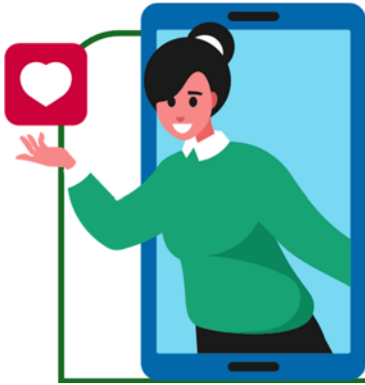


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## Intent Detectives

**Directions:** Read the passage carefully. Decide whether the author's main purpose is to **inform**, **persuade**, or **entertain**. Highlight or underline sentences that support your decision. Defend your choice in writing, using **text evidence**.

### Informational Passage - *Social Media and Teen Friendships*

For today's teens, friendship often exists both online and in person. A recent survey found that nearly 60% of teens say they feel more connected to friends because of social media. Apps allow students to share photos, chat instantly, and stay updated on one another's daily lives.

However, online friendships are not without challenges. Misunderstandings can spread quickly through text or posts, and arguments sometimes spill into school hallways. Some teens also report feeling pressure to maintain a "perfect" image online, which can lead to stress.

Still, many teens believe social media helps them build stronger connections. Video calls, group chats, and online games create spaces where teens can laugh, collaborate, and support one another, even when they live miles apart.

1. Circle the author's purpose:    **Inform - Persuade - Entertain**
2. Write 3-4 sentences explaining your choice, using details from the passage.

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3. Highlight one sentence from the passage that best supports your reasoning.