

Intent Detectives Answer Key

Correct Answer: *Inform*

- **Reasoning:**
 - The passage presents balanced facts, survey data, and examples about how social media influences teen friendships.
 - It explains both **positive impacts** (connection, support, collaboration) and **negative impacts** (misunderstandings, pressure, stress).
 - The author does not try to convince readers to use or avoid social media, nor is the passage written for entertainment.
- **Best Supporting Sentence:**

“A recent survey found that nearly 60% of teens say they feel more connected to friends because of social media.”

(This shows the informational nature of the text, presenting data.)

Teacher Guide

- **Skill Development:** Students learn to distinguish between **inform**, **persuade**, **entertain**, strengthening critical reading skills.
- **Teaching Tip:** Ask students to share their reasoning aloud; this shows how different readers use evidence. Emphasize that what matters most is the **justification with proof**, not just picking the label.
- **Extension Activity:** Provide students with short contrasting texts (e.g., an ad about a social media app, a humorous comic about texting friends) so they can compare how purpose changes across genres.