

Clue Seekers Answer Key

1. to inform
Clues: helps, protects, fewer trees
2. to entertain
Clues: slip, splash, laughed, surprise
3. to explain
Clues: first, next, these steps
4. to persuade
Clues: you should, protect, keep you safe
5. to inform
Clues: facts about frogs, can breathe, allows

Teacher's Guide

- **Differentiation:**
 - Read passages aloud for students who need reading support.
 - Allow students to mark clues with colored pencils instead of writing explanations.
 - Ask advanced students to write one sentence explaining how the clues prove the purpose.
- **Engagement Tips:**
 - Let students act as detectives and search for clue words together.
 - Read one passage dramatically and reveal clues slowly.
 - Have students share which word gave away the purpose fastest.
- **Extension Ideas:**
 - Students write their own short passage with a clear author purpose and add clue words.
 - Create a purpose word wall with signal words for inform, entertain, persuade, and explain.