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Purpose Proof

Directions: Read each passage. Answer the questions that follow. Use **text evidence** to explain the author's purpose.

1. Bats are the only mammals that can truly fly. They use echolocation to find insects in the dark. High-pitched sounds bounce off objects and help bats know where to go.
 - **Author's purpose:** to inform / to entertain / to persuade / to explain
 - Which words or details support your answer?
2. If more students brought reusable water bottles to school, far less plastic would be thrown away each day. Small choices can make a big difference for our planet.
 - **Author's purpose:** to inform / to entertain / to persuade / to explain
 - What sentence shows what the author wants the reader to do or think?
3. The zipper on Max's backpack broke just as the bus pulled up. Papers flew everywhere like noisy birds in the wind. Max chased them down the sidewalk while his friends cheered.
 - **Author's purpose:** to inform / to entertain / to persuade / to explain
 - What details show the purpose of this passage?
4. To find the area of a rectangle, first multiply the length by the width. This step tells you how many square units cover the shape.
 - **Author's purpose:** to inform / to entertain / to persuade / to explain
 - Which words show that the author is giving steps or guidance?