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Clue Seekers

Directions: Read each passage. Highlight or underline **words and phrases** that show the author's purpose. Then choose and underline the correct purpose.



1. Recycling helps keep trash out of landfills and protects animals that live near oceans and rivers. When people recycle paper and plastic, fewer trees are cut down.

Author's purpose: to inform / to entertain / to persuade / to explain

2. Slip, splash. The raccoon skidded across the wet deck and landed in the pool with a loud plop. Everyone laughed as it paddled to the steps and climbed out in surprise.

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3. To make a paper airplane fly far, first fold the paper in half lengthwise. Next, fold the top corners down to the center line. These steps help create strong wings.

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4. You should always wear a helmet when riding a bike because head injuries can be very serious. A helmet can protect your brain and help keep you safe.

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5. Some frogs can breathe through their skin as well as their lungs. This allows them to stay underwater for long periods of time without coming up for air.

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