

Author's Purpose Intensive Reading

DIRECTIONS: Read each sentence. Then **circle Inform** if the primary purpose of the sentence is to inform, **circle Persuade** if the primary purpose of the sentence is to persuade, or **circle Entertain** if the primary purpose of the sentence is to entertain.

1. According to researchers, men are struck by lightning four times more often than women.

Inform

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2. A recent bumper sticker read, "I love cats. They taste just like chicken."

Inform

Persuade

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3. Telemarketing is a nuisance as well as an invasion of privacy. Lawmakers and business leaders must take a stand against telemarketing to make it a thing of the past.

Inform

Persuade

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4. The koala is considered one of the sleepest animals in the world, spending as much as twenty hours each day asleep.

Inform

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5. Parents shouldn't send their children to same-sex schools, which are outdated and fail to reflect the reality of today's diverse society.

Inform

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6. The steak at that restaurant looked like a slab of burned leather—and tasted like it, too!

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7. Studies suggest that a parent's stress level at the time of conception plays a major role in determining a baby's sex. The child tends to be the same sex as the parent who is under less stress.

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8. Biology clearly is the supreme field of study. Students who want a major that is truly important should pursue biology.

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9. In the 1870s, American women who played baseball wore a uniform that weighed as much as thirty pounds and included a floor-length skirt, underskirts, a long-sleeved, high-necked blouse, and high-button shoes.

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10. Stephen King, the famous author known best for his scary novels, is reported to have said: "Some people say that I must be a horrible person, but that's not true. I have the heart of a young boy—in a jar on my desk."

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