

Author's Purpose English

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

1. Contrary to most people's belief, high-school students should not work part time; such work hinders their academic performance and does not give them any skills that will be useful in later life. Moreover, they may spend their earnings on alcohol or drugs.

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2. About 15 percent of Americans—including millions of children—lack health insurance. Many of the uninsured work full-time but still can't afford insurance. Uninsured Americans tend to live with more illness and die at a younger age than those who are insured. A truly just and compassionate government would make adequate health care available to every citizen.

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3. I'm not big on the great outdoors. My idea of roughing it is having to park at the far end of a store's parking lot and then walk from there to the store.

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4. In the United States, the most popular breakfast is cold or hot cereal. Two-thirds of Americans also snack on cereal. Twenty-nine percent even periodically eat cereal for dinner.

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5. Overweight and obesity have become a national epidemic in America. These conditions pose a huge risk to health. Americans need to eat less and exercise more, and they need to start now. This is a public health issue that cannot be ignored.

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6. Built of stones or mud bricks, the ancient Egyptian pyramids have four sides, each facing a point of the compass. The entrance is in the northern wall. Deep below is a tomb containing an Egyptian ruler's mummified body.

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7. When in danger or in doubt, run in circles, scream and shout.

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8. Some sharks are millions of times more sensitive to electricity than humans are. They can detect electricity equivalent to that of a 1.5-volt flashlight battery 900 miles away. Able to perceive the faintest electrical pulses, some sharks can find smaller fishes hidden in sand by sensing their heartbeats.

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9. An 1870 amendment to the U.S. Constitution states that the right to vote cannot be denied on the basis of a person's race. A 1920 amendment states the same with regard to a person's sex. Those amendments represent centuries of struggle for racial equality and women's rights. If you're a U.S. citizen who doesn't bother to vote, you're failing to make use of a precious right still denied to many people throughout the world. Become informed, and vote!

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10. The sign posted in a business office read: "If you don't think the dead come back to life, you should see this place at 5:00 P.M."

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