

# Author's Purpose

Understand the reasons why an author wrote a text, chose specific vocabulary and phrases or gave an opinion.



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**A newspaper article about a devastating earthquake.**

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**A letter to a newsagent about a vacant paper round.**

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**A biography about a world leader.**

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**A leaflet advertising the services of a gardener.**

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**A letter to a local MP about a proposed housing development.**

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**A list of instructions to build a climbing frame.**

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**A diary entry by a historical figure.**

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**A maths textbook.**

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**A fictional story about  
two friends who build  
a rocket.**

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**A poster about being a  
successful learner.**

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**A text message with  
directions to your  
piano exam.**

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# **A blog about daily life in a school.**

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# **A leaflet advertising a house for sale.**

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# **A recount of a school trip.**

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# **A newspaper article about a miscarriage of justice.**

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**A school project about the Egyptians.**

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**A joke book.**

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**A poster advertising a new theme park.**

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**A leaflet detailing things to see and do in a big city.**

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Strangely enough, not all sharks attack people. Often, it is the biggest ones that are the most harmless. The whale shark is the biggest of them all; it eats plankton and small fish and shrimps, but it measures nearly 14m – that's about the length of one and a half double-decker buses!

**Why has the author used the phrase 'strangely enough'?**

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**Find two ways that the author tells you that the weather is hot.**

As the breeze gently brushed against Orla's face, she sighed with relief whilst beads of perspiration trickled down her cheek.

"Here you go," called Mum as she handed Orla a icy-cold glass of lemonade.

"Thanks Mum," Orla gasped.

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In the most boisterous weather, when the rain fell in torrents and the wind howled like a distressed wolf, the little Irish boy would fearlessly and cheerfully climb to the top of the mast. He would balance, as if atop a tightrope, through gales and over waves as tall as mountains.

**Find a simile in the passage above and explain how it contributes to meaning.**

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In the canoe sat a young boy yet he swung the great paddle with an ease and speed of the strongest man in the West. The canoe remained still for a few moments, in the centre of the amber light, and its occupant, with a slight swaying motion of the paddle, held it steady in the current.

**List two impressions that you are given about the occupant in the canoe.**

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