



Read each passage and decide: did the author write to Persuade, Inform, or Entertain? Answer the questions in complete sentences.

Pip the Hamster Detective

Leo had a pet hamster named Pip. Pip was not like other hamsters. Most hamsters just ran on their wheels. But Pip had a tiny magnifying glass and a little trench coat. "Pip, what are you doing?" Leo would ask. Pip would just wiggle his nose.



One morning, Leo couldn't find his favorite blue sock. Pip scurried under the bed. He sniffed and wiggled. Then he pushed out a tiny, fluffy dust bunny! "That's not my sock, Pip!" Leo giggled. Pip looked very serious. He pointed a tiny paw at a red crayon. "Is that a clue?" Leo wondered. Pip then found the blue sock hiding inside Leo's shoe. He looked very proud of his detective work. Leo just laughed. Pip was the silliest detective ever!



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

(1) What is the MAIN purpose of this passage?

- (A) To teach me how to find a lost sock.
- (B) To tell a funny story about a hamster.
- (C) To convince me to get a pet hamster.
- (D) To explain what hamsters like to do.



(2) The author wrote this passage mainly to _____ the reader.

— continue writing on the lines below

(3) Which detail from the passage BEST shows the author's purpose?

- (A) Most hamsters just ran on their wheels.
- (B) Pip had a tiny magnifying glass and a little trench coat.
- (C) He sniffed and wiggled.
- (D) Pip then found the blue sock hiding inside Leo's shoe.

(4) How do you know the author's purpose? Use TWO details from the passage to support your answer.

(5) If you were writing about the same topic, which purpose would YOU choose — to persuade, inform, or entertain? Explain why.



