



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

Capybaras: Gentle Giants of the Water

Capybaras are the largest rodents in the world, living in South America. They look like giant guinea pigs with short, coarse brown fur.



These friendly animals love to live near water, such as rivers, lakes, and swamps, making them semi-aquatic. You might spot a whole family munching on grasses along the riverbanks.



One amazing thing about capybaras is their excellent swimming and diving skills. Their webbed feet help them paddle easily. When threatened, they can stay underwater for several minutes, with only their eyes, ears, and nostrils showing to breathe. This special ability helps them stay safe and cool.

Capybaras are herbivores, meaning they only eat plants like grasses and aquatic plants. They are very social, often living in groups of 10 to 20. These groups help them find food and protect each other, making their watery homes a safe place to thrive.



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

- (A) To convince people that capybaras make the best pets.
- (B) To tell a funny story about a capybara's day.



- C To teach readers facts about capybaras and their watery homes.
- D To describe a capybara's feelings about swimming.

(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 Capybaras are the largest rodents in the world, living in South America.
- B You might spot a whole family munching on grasses along the riverbanks.
- C When threatened, they can stay underwater for several minutes.
- D They are very social, often living in groups of 10 to 20.

(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.



