



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

Leaping for Gold: The Long Jump



The long jump is an exciting event in track and field where athletes combine speed and strength to leap as far as possible. It starts with a sprint down a special runway, often about 40 meters long. Runners build up incredible speed, aiming for a perfect takeoff. Just before a foul line, called the "takeoff board," they launch themselves into the air. This board is usually 20 centimeters wide.



The goal is to jump into a sand pit, which helps cushion the landing. Judges measure the distance from the edge of the takeoff board closest to the sand pit to the closest mark the athlete makes in the sand. If a jumper steps past the takeoff board before leaping, it's called a foul, and that jump doesn't count. Athletes usually get three to six tries to achieve their best distance in a competition. The person who jumps the farthest wins! This event truly shows how powerful and agile athletes can be, blending speed, precision, and strength into one incredible leap.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

- (1) What is the MAIN purpose of this passage?
- (A) To make you want to try the long jump.
 - (B) To tell a story about a long jumper's adventure.
 - (C) To explain the rules and goal of the long jump.



D To share an opinion about the best long jumper.

(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 "The long jump is an exciting event in track and field..."

B "Just before a foul line, called the 'takeoff board,' they launch themselves into the air."

C "Judges measure the distance from the edge of the takeoff board closest to the sand pit to the closest mark the athlete makes in the sand."

D "The person who jumps the farthest wins!"

(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.



