

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

Leo's Whispering Seed

Leo loved his backyard. It wasn't huge, but it had a big oak tree and a patch of soft grass. One sunny afternoon, while digging near the fence, Leo found something strange. It wasn't a rock or a worm. It was a tiny, smooth seed, glowing with a faint, shimmery green light.



He picked it up. It felt warm in his hand. Then, he heard it! A tiny, soft whisper, like wind chimes far away. "Plant me," it seemed to say. Leo's eyes widened. He had never heard a seed talk before! He quickly dug a small hole and carefully placed the whispering seed inside. He covered it gently with soil and gave it a little drink of water.



The next morning, Leo raced outside. In the spot where he planted the seed, a tiny plant had sprouted overnight! Its leaves were bright blue, and a single, perfect flower bloomed on top. The flower was shaped like a tiny bell, and when a breeze blew, it chimed a sweet, happy tune. Leo smiled. His backyard was full of magic!



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

- (1) What is the MAIN purpose of this passage?
- (A) To tell a magical story about a boy and a special seed.
 - (B) To teach readers how to plant seeds in a garden.



- C To convince children to spend more time in their backyards.
- D To describe different types of plants and flowers.

(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 It was a tiny, smooth seed, glowing with a faint, shimmery green light.
- B He quickly dug a small hole and carefully placed the whispering seed inside.
- C Leo loved his backyard. It wasn't huge, but it had a big oak tree and a patch of soft grass.
- D Its leaves were bright blue, and a single, perfect flower bloomed on top.

(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.



