



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

The Secret Life of a Sunflower



Lily loved her grandma's garden. It wasn't just flowers; it was a kingdom of buzzing bees and creeping ladybugs. One sunny morning, Grandma gave Lily a tiny, striped seed. "This," Grandma said, "is a sunflower seed. Plant it, and watch what happens." Lily felt a thrill of excitement, imagining what might emerge from such a small thing.

Lily carefully dug a small hole in the warm earth and placed the seed inside. She watered it every day, sometimes even talking to it. "Grow big and strong!" she'd whisper. For days, nothing happened. Lily felt a little disappointed, but Grandma reminded her, "Patience, my dear. Good things take time, especially in nature."

Then, one week, a tiny green sprout pushed through the soil! Lily gasped with delight. Day by day, the sprout grew taller, its stem reaching for the sun. Soon, big green leaves unfolded, and a small bud appeared. Lily watched, fascinated, as the bud slowly opened, revealing bright yellow petals, like a tiny sun itself.



It wasn't just a flower; it was a giant, cheerful sunflower, taller than Lily herself! Its face followed the sun across the sky, a silent, golden sentinel.

Lily felt a special connection to it, knowing she had helped it grow from a tiny seed. She learned that even the smallest beginnings can lead to something magnificent if you give them care and patience. The garden felt even more magical now, a place where hidden wonders unfolded every day, just waiting to be discovered.



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

- A** To inform readers about how sunflowers grow from seeds.
- B** To tell an enjoyable story about a girl and her sunflower.
- C** To convince people to plant sunflower seeds in their gardens.
- D** To explain the importance of patience when gardening.

(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** "Lily carefully dug a small hole in the warm earth and placed the seed inside."
- B** "Lily felt a thrill of excitement, imagining what might emerge from such a small thing."
- C** "Day by day, the sprout grew taller, its stem reaching for the sun."
- D** "She learned that even the smallest beginnings can lead to something magnificent if you give them care and patience."

(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.

