



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

City's Water Journey



Imagine turning on your faucet and clean water flows out. Ever wondered where it comes from and how it gets safe to drink? Most big cities rely on natural sources like large rivers, lakes, or underground wells. These sources are often far away, so the water travels a long distance to reach homes and businesses.

Once collected, the water begins its journey to become clean. First, it goes to a treatment plant. Here, large screens remove debris like leaves, sticks, and small fish. This initial step is like a giant strainer, ensuring only water moves on.

Next, chemicals are added to make tiny dirt particles clump together. These heavier clumps then sink. The cleaner water is filtered through layers of sand, gravel, and charcoal. Finally, a disinfectant, like chlorine, kills any remaining germs. This step is crucial for public health.

After these steps, purified water is stored in large tanks. A network of underground pipes carries it directly to your house, school, and parks. Every day, millions of gallons of water are treated and delivered, ensuring safe drinking water for everyone.



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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



- (A) To persuade readers to use less water in their homes.
- (B) To entertain with a creative story about a water droplet's adventure.
- (C) To inform readers about how cities get and clean their water.
- (D) To describe the different types of fish found in city water sources.

(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) "Ever wondered where it comes from and how it gets safe to drink?"
- (B) "First, it goes to a treatment plant. Here, large screens remove debris like leaves, sticks, and small fish."
- (C) "This step is crucial for public health."
- (D) "Every day, millions of gallons of water are treated and delivered."

(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.

