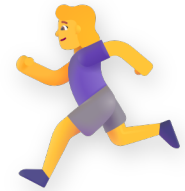




Read each passage and decide: did the author write to Persuade, Inform, or Entertain?
Answer the questions in complete sentences.

Running the Marathon



The marathon is one of the most famous long-distance running events in the world. It covers a specific distance of 26.2 miles, or exactly 42.195 kilometers. This challenging race has a fascinating history. It is said to be inspired by the legend of Pheidippides, an ancient Greek messenger. He supposedly ran from the battlefield of Marathon to Athens to announce the Greek victory, then collapsed and died. While the exact details are debated, the modern Olympic marathon was created to honor this legend in 1896, during the first modern Olympic Games held in Athens.

Today, marathons are held in cities all over the globe, attracting thousands of runners, from elite athletes to everyday enthusiasts. Major events like the Boston Marathon and the London Marathon draw huge crowds and international competitors. Preparing for a marathon takes months of dedicated training, focusing on endurance, strength, and proper nutrition. Runners must learn to pace themselves and stay hydrated throughout the long course. Many races have aid stations along the route where runners can grab water or energy gels. The finish line is a moment of great triumph and personal achievement for everyone who completes the incredible journey.



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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



- (A) To persuade people to run a marathon.
- (B) To inform readers about the history and details of marathons.
- (C) To entertain with a story about a famous marathon runner.
- (D) To argue that marathons are too difficult for most people.

(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 finish line is a moment of great triumph and personal achievement for everyone."
- (B) "It covers a specific distance of 26.2 miles, or exactly 42.195 kilometers."
- (C) "Major events like the Boston Marathon and the London Marathon draw huge crowds."
- (D) "Runners must learn to pace themselves and stay hydrated throughout the long course."

(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.

