



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

Plastic-Free Future Now!

Good evening, Mayor Thompson, Council members, and fellow citizens. My name is Anya Sharma, and I stand before you tonight as a concerned resident of Willow Creek. I am here to urge our town to take a critical step towards a healthier future: reducing single-use plastics. Our beautiful parks and waterways are suffering from plastic pollution, and it's time for us to act.



I believe Willow Creek has a responsibility to protect our environment for generations to come. Every day, we use plastic bags, straws, and containers that are thrown away almost immediately, yet they take hundreds of years to break down. These items often end up in our local streams, harming wildlife and making our town less beautiful. Imagine a Willow Creek where our children can play without seeing plastic litter on every corner!

While some might argue that switching from single-use plastics is inconvenient, the long-term benefits far outweigh any small adjustments. Many local businesses are already eager to adopt eco-friendly alternatives if the town supports them. We can introduce initiatives like offering reusable bag incentives, encouraging restaurants to use compostable containers, and even hosting community clean-up days to raise awareness.

Let's not wait until the problem becomes irreversible. Our neighboring town, Greenhaven, successfully implemented a similar program last year, and their community is thriving with cleaner streets and a stronger sense of environmental pride. We have the power to make Willow Creek a leader in sustainability. I implore you, Council members, to consider and



pass policies that will significantly reduce single-use plastics in our town. Let's work together for a cleaner, greener Willow Creek!

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

- A To inform readers about the history of plastic pollution in Willow Creek.
- B To persuade the town council to reduce single-use plastics in Willow Creek.
- C To entertain readers with a story about a plastic-free town called Greenhaven.
- D To explain how single-use plastics are made and how they harm the environment.

(2) The author wrote this passage mainly to _____ the reader.

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(3) Which detail from the passage BEST shows the author's purpose?

- A "Every day, we use plastic bags, straws, and containers that are thrown away almost immediately, yet they take hundreds of years to break down."
- B "I am here to urge our town to take a critical step towards a healthier future: reducing single-use plastics."
- C "Our neighboring town, Greenhaven, successfully implemented a similar program last year..."
- D "Many local businesses are already eager to adopt eco-friendly alternatives if the town supports them."



(4) How do you know the author's purpose? Use TWO details from the passage to support your answer.

(5) What is the PRIMARY purpose of this passage? Is there a secondary purpose? Use details from the text to explain.

