



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

### The Whispering Woods Cleanup



Maya sighed, gazing at the once-beautiful Whispering Woods. A discarded plastic bottle glinted sadly near the old oak, and crumpled wrappers peeked from beneath bushes. "This used to be our secret fort spot," she murmured to Leo and Chloe, a frown creasing her brow. "Now it just feels... sad."

Leo kicked at a loose stone. "Yeah, remember how we'd pretend to be explorers here? It's hard to imagine adventures with all this trash." Chloe, ever the practical one, clapped her hands. "Well, complaining won't make it disappear! Let's do something about it. We can bring bags and gloves tomorrow." A spark of excitement lit their faces.



The next morning, armed with bright yellow gloves and sturdy trash bags, the trio met at the park entrance. The task seemed enormous at first. They started near the creek, carefully picking up every stray piece of litter, from soda cans to old newspapers. As the bags filled, a sense of accomplishment began to bloom. They laughed as Leo nearly tripped over a rogue branch, and Chloe discovered a tiny ladybug crawling on a leaf they were saving from a wrapper.



Hours later, tired but beaming, they looked around. The difference was incredible. The path was clear, the creek sparkled, and the old oak stood majestic, no longer overshadowed by human carelessness. "It feels like our secret fort again," Maya said, a genuine smile replacing her earlier frown. "Even better," Leo added, "because we made it happen." They knew their small effort wouldn't solve all the world's litter problems, but in Whispering Woods, they had made a real, visible change. And that felt like a victory worth celebrating.



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

- (A) To inform readers about the history of Whispering Woods.
- (B) To persuade people to join a park cleanup group.
- (C) To entertain readers with a story about friends improving their local park.
- (D) To explain the different types of litter found in parks.

(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 primary purpose?

- (A) A discarded plastic bottle glistened sadly near the old oak, and crumpled wrappers peeked from beneath bushes.
- (B) They laughed as Leo nearly tripped over a rogue branch, and Chloe discovered a tiny ladybug crawling on a leaf they were saving from a wrapper.
- (C) The task seemed enormous at first. They started near the creek, carefully picking up every stray piece of litter...
- (D) They knew their small effort wouldn't solve all the world's litter problems, but in Whispering Woods, they had made a real, visible change.

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



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

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