

# Why Write?

Students listen to short texts, identify the author's purpose, and explain their thinking aloud.

**1.10.A** "discuss the author's purpose for writing text;"

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: this page is run aloud. The script and answers are on the guide page.

## 1 CIRCLE IT \_\_\_\_\_

|   |       |       |       |
|---|-------|-------|-------|
| a | Teach | Fun   | Ask   |
| b | Ask   | Teach | Fun   |
| c | Fun   | Ask   | Teach |

## 2 MATCH IT \_\_\_\_\_

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|---|-----|-------|
| 1 | • • | Fun   |
| 2 | • • | Teach |
| 3 | • • | Ask   |

**HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE**

Explain that authors can write to teach, to tell something fun, or to ask readers to do something. Read each text aloud, then invite students to name a clue from the text that helped them discuss its purpose.

Students never read directions on this sheet. Read each part's script aloud, then each prompt, giving think time before students mark.

**PART 1 • CIRCLE IT**

**SAY** “As you listen, which purpose word fits each text? After you circle, what clue helped you decide?”

| ROW | SAY                                                                                                                           | STUDENTS CIRCLE |
|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| a   | The words say Teach, Fun, Ask. Listen: “A seed needs sun and water to grow.” Which purpose word fits? Circle it.              | <b>Teach</b>    |
| b   | The words say Ask, Teach, Fun. Listen: “The moon wore boots and stomped through the sky.” Which purpose word fits? Circle it. | <b>Fun</b>      |
| c   | The words say Fun, Ask, Teach. Listen: “Please close the gate when you leave.” Which purpose word fits? Circle it.            | <b>Ask</b>      |

**PART 2 • MATCH IT**

**SAY** “Number 1 says, “Turtles have hard shells.” Number 2 says, “Please place your book on the shelf.” Number 3 says, “The sock danced across the floor.” Which purpose word fits each text? Draw a line from each number to its purpose word.”

- **1** matches **Teach**
- **2** matches **Ask**
- **3** matches **Fun**

**WHAT TO ACCEPT**

Circle row answers are Teach, Fun, Ask. Match 1 to Teach, 2 to Ask, and 3 to Fun. Accept oral explanations that point to a fact, a silly event, or a request in the text.