

What Writers Want

Students listen for a writer's goal and persuasive parts in short messages.

K.8.E "recognize characteristics of persuasive text with adult assistance and state what the author is trying to persuade the reader to think or do; and"

NAME _____

DATE _____

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

1 WRITER'S GOAL

a	Read	Sleep	Jump
b	Draw	Count	Eat
c	Run	Clean	Sing

2 PERSUADE PARTS

a	Reason	Request	Opinion
b	Opinion	Reason	Request
c	Request	Opinion	Reason

HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Read each message and its choices aloud. Help students listen for what the writer wants someone to do and for an opinion, a reason, or a request in the message.

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

PART 1 • WRITER'S GOAL

SAY "I will read each message and the words in its row. What does the writer want you to do? Circle the word that tells the writer's goal."

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	Listen: "Please read every day. Reading helps your brain grow." Is the writer trying to get you to read, sleep, or jump? Which word tells the writer's goal?	Read
b	Listen: "Try apples. They are a crunchy snack." Is the writer trying to get you to draw, count, or eat? Which word tells the writer's goal?	Eat
c	Listen: "Keep parks clean. Clean parks are nice for everyone." Is the writer trying to get you to run, clean, or sing? Which word tells the writer's goal?	Clean

PART 2 • PERSUADE PARTS

SAY "I will read each message and the words in its row. What kind of persuasive part do you hear? Circle the word that names it."

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	Listen: "Rain boots are the best shoes." Is the writer giving a reason, making a request, or sharing an opinion? Which word names it?	Opinion
b	Listen: "We should plant flowers because bees need them." Is "because bees need them" an opinion, a reason, or a request? Which word names it?	Reason
c	Listen: "Please save water." Is the writer making a request, sharing an opinion, or giving a reason? Which word names it?	Request

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Part 1 answers are Read, Eat, and Clean. Part 2 answers are Opinion, Reason, and Request; accept responses when the student can point to or say the choice with adult prompting.