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Authors have a **purpose**, or reason, for writing. Authors may write to persuade, to inform, or to entertain the reader.

Read each passage below. On the line write whether the author's purpose is to persuade, to inform, or to entertain.

1. Skunks use their scent to protect themselves. They can spray a powerful liquid up to ten feet away. Skunks are able to stun predators with their smell.

2. A monarch in flight—
What a wonder to see.
Bright orange, bright black.
Flying colorfully.

3. Everyone should get up early next Saturday to take the guided hike at the Nature Center. An expert on woodland animals will lead hikers through the woods. The hike costs only \$5, and it begins at 8 A.M. You will learn a great deal about the animals that live in our forests.

4. Many different animals use camouflage to protect themselves from predators. An animal that protects itself through camouflage has fur or skin that blends in with the animal's surroundings. Some animals even use their shape as a disguise. A leaf butterfly, for example, has wings that look like leaves. When it lands on a tree, a leaf butterfly looks just like one of the tree's leaves.

