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## Author's Purpose

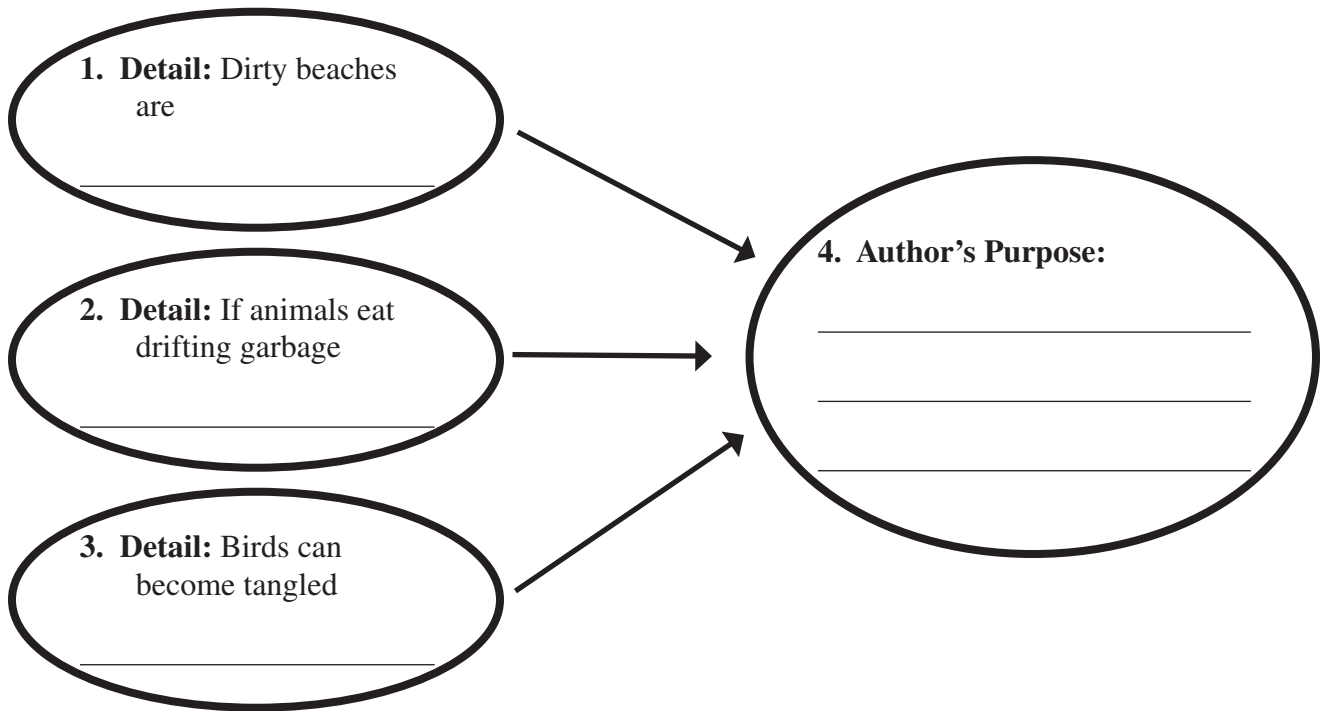
- The **author's purpose** is the reason or reasons the author has for writing.
- An author may write to persuade, to inform, to entertain, or to express himself or herself.

**Directions** Read the passage. Then answer the questions below.

**D**irty beaches are disgusting. I hate to see the shore of a lake or ocean dotted with candy wrappers, soda bottles, or other bits of garbage. Garbage on beaches is more than an eyesore. It also kills wildlife. Animals such as fish and turtles may eat drifting garbage they find in the water. If they do, they may

choke. The plastic six-pack yokes from soda cans are dangerous to birds. Birds often become tangled in the plastic and die. To help keep beaches clean, you can volunteer on clean-up days. People who clean beaches help protect the environment and are definitely doing the right thing!

**Directions** Fill in the diagram below based on the passage.



5. How do the details provided help support the author's purpose?

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**Home Activity** Your child analyzed the author's purpose in a passage about beaches. Challenge him or her to read an editorial from a newspaper and explain the author's purpose for writing the editorial. Ask your child to explain who the author is trying to persuade or convince.