

Determining Author’s Purpose

Directions: In the “Clues” column, write *one* phrase from the passage that signals the author’s purpose. Then, write the author’s main purpose.

Passage	Clues	Author’s Purpose
1. People are motivated to give to charities after a huge disaster strikes, but this is too often just a band-aid. People all over the world need our help every day. Give to the charity of your choice—regularly—and really solve the problems.		
2. “The time has come,” the Walrus said, / “To talk of many things: / Of shoes—and ships—and sealing wax— / Of cabbages—and kings / And why the sea is boiling hot— / And whether pigs have wings.”		
3. My cat, Felix, died over the summer. I know he was just a cat, but he was also a friend—someone I could always count on to welcome me home and sit with me. I really miss him.		
4. A crevasse is a deep crack in the surface of a glacier that can be 10 or more feet deep. Crevasses occur where a glacier flows over the break of a slope.		