

This old man, he played one,
He played knick-knack on my thumb.
With a knick-knack paddywhack,
Give the dog a bone,
This old man came rolling home.



This old man, he played two,
He played knick-knack on my shoe;
With a knick-knack paddywhack,
Give the dog a bone,
This old man came rolling home.

What is the author's purpose?

Hippopotamuses are very large animals. They can weigh up to 5 tons. That's 11,000 pounds. They stand about as tall as a man. They are herbivores which means they eat plants. They live in wetlands, swamps and near rivers. Not many are predators of the hippos but some animals like the lion and crocodile will hunt them for food. Hippos live a very long time for an animal and have been known to live up to 50 years.



What is the author's purpose?

Yesterday, I saw a squirrel that I named Skip. He was so cute. I literally saw him talking to another squirrel. It looked like they were sharing an acorn. It was fascinating. Then, one squirrel jumped over the other squirrel, and they began to chase each other around the park. I am pretty sure they were playing tag. After Skip was touched on the tail, the other squirrel ran the other way. Then Skip began to chase it. Laughter filled the park. I wish I was a squirrel.



What is the author's purpose?

Dear Mrs. Loving,

I know that you love me. I am probably your favorite student. As your favorite student, you probably know that I am very responsible. I think responsible kids need extra privileges. Because I am so responsible, and never get into any trouble, may I please sit next to Mikael. She is also a good student, and one good student plus another good student equals two awesome students. Thanks for considering my request.



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There are three types of volcanoes. The most explosive type of volcano is called a stratovolcano. Stratovolcano means layers. A stratovolcano has many different types of eruptions, and this forms layers of different materials. Stratovolcanoes can be so tall that they can be higher than clouds. Mt. St. Helens is a stratovolcano that had a very powerful eruption that literally blew its top off. These volcanoes can be very dangerous.



What is the author's purpose?

I want to sell you my paper airplane. This plane is, by far, the best I have ever made. If you throw it just right, it will stay in the air for a long time. If you buy this from me, I will give you this second plane that I made. I call it "The Rocket." This plane is for distance. If you have a good throwing arm, this plane will fly at least 25 feet. I promise you that you will not be disappointed in either of these paper airplanes. They are amazing and your friends will love throwing them back to you. This deal will only cost you \$.50 cents.



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Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall.
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.
All the king's horses
And all the king's men
Couldn't put Humpty together again.

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Hey, y'all!!! Come on down and visit Uncle Buck's used car lot. We will sell you the car of your dreams for less than you think. Imagine driving away in that beautiful hot pink mini-van. You will be a talk of the town, and it will be cheap, cheap, cheap. Come on over and see Buck for the deal of a lifetime. Hurry quick, though, because prices change faster than you can say, "That's a good deal."



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One day, I was sitting with my family watching TV when, all of a sudden, we heard loud screaming and crying coming from the bathroom. We all went running to see what had happened. We took one look and started to laugh. My little brother had gotten the potty training toilet seat stuck around his head. It took us awhile to get it off of him too, but, to this day, we love to tell this story.



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The aye-aye is one of the strangest looking animals on planet Earth. The aye-aye is nocturnal, which means it is active only at night. They hardly ever come down out of the trees in which they live. These mammals eat seeds, fruits, and honey. The aye-aye live most of their lives alone and don't hang out with friends. They mostly live on the island of Madagascar.



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President George Washington was born on February 22, 1732. Even though Washington never went to college, he believed in being smart. He learned to read, write and do math. Before he was president, he fought in multiple wars and was a great soldier. In the year 1774, he helped organize the 13 colonies and declared that the people of America were no longer under British rule. Washington led the military and fought for the freedom of the United States. President Washington was elected in 1789 as the first president of the United States.



What is the author's purpose?

The sun is extremely important to Earth. Without it, Earth would be a lifeless planet floating in space. The sun is gigantic. It would take one million Earth's smashed together to be the size of the sun. The sun travels through space at about 137 miles per second. That is really fast. It takes energy from the sun only about eight minutes to reach the earth. It takes Earth about 365 days to move all the way around the sun. We should all be glad that the sun continues to shine.



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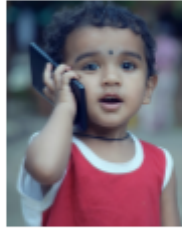
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Elementary students don't need cell phones. Cell phones are very addictive. Young students end up playing on them for hours at a time. This causes students to lose focus and track of time. Before long, many students have spent hours on their phone. Instead of giving students a phone, it is a better idea to just lend them one as they need it. In this way, students can be more productive and have less of a chance at overusing a mind numbing digital tool.



What is the author's purpose?

During winter break, I got to visit the Phoenix Zoo. What a beautiful zoo. There were many animals that I got to see. My favorite animal was the rattlesnake. When we approached it, it raised its head and looked right at me. Then, it stuck its tongue in and out. It was like he was making fun of me. You won't believe what I saw next. I am pretty sure before putting its head back down, it winked at me. It was fantastic.



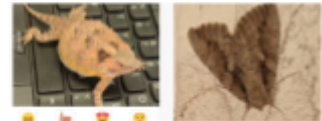
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The Grand Canyon is one of the world's greatest natural treasures. It was built over millions of years from water and wind erosion. Erosion happens when parts of rock get moved from one place to another. The Colorado River moves the most pieces of rock. It just keeps grinding and grinding at the rock, making the canyon deeper and deeper each year. Over the years, it has turned into a very popular tourist destination.



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If you haven't had a chance to watch my creepy critters site, you should. You can find all sorts of cool animals that students have brought in for show and tell. We take real close up images of these creepy critters so that you can see the fine details. We post the pictures and videos on 3rdGrade.xyz. We have taken videos and photos of many insects, birds and mammals. You even get to vote on the images you like best. Trust me when I say that you will like what you see, if it doesn't gross you out first.



What is the author's purpose?

Have you ever had someone make fun of you? It doesn't feel good does it? I actually don't understand why anyone would want to make someone else feel bad about themselves. I wish all kids would look at each other and come up with ways to make them feel happy. Can you imagine how great our school could be if every student did their best to make someone happy for the day. Students would have so many friends that they wouldn't know what to do. What do you say, friends? Are you ready to try and see what happens?



What is the author's purpose?

Guess what? Did you know that if you fill up a super long garbage bag with air, and then let the sun heat up the bag, it will begin to float. It is amazing. We got to do it for science once. It took awhile for the air to warm up, but it did rise. It rose so high into the the sky that it looked really tiny. It was funny when my teacher started to bring it back to the ground because it got stuck on a telephone wire. It took my teacher a long time to get it down. We had a great time for sure.



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