

Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020 – Reading Task 2: Author's Purpose

Author's Purpose

**A blog about daily life  
in a school.**

What is the author's purpose in writing this text?

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**A leaflet advertising a  
house for sale.**

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**A recount of a school  
trip.**

What is the author's purpose in writing this text?

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**A newspaper article  
about a miscarriage of  
justice.**

What is the author's purpose in writing this text?

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Strangely enough, not all sharks attack people. Often, it is the biggest ones that are the most harmless. The whale shark is the biggest of them all; it eats plankton and small fish and shrimps, but it measures nearly 14m – that's about the length of one and a half double-decker buses!

**Why has the author used the phrase 'strangely enough'?**

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**Find two ways that the author tells you that the weather is hot.**

As the breeze gently brushed against Orla's face, she sighed with relief whilst beads of perspiration trickled down her cheek.

"Here you go," called Mum as she handed Orla a icy-cold glass of lemonade.

"Thanks Mum," Orla gasped.

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In the most boisterous weather, when the rain fell in torrents and the wind howled like a distressed wolf, the little Irish boy would fearlessly and cheerfully climb to the top of the mast. He would balance, as if atop a tightrope, through gales and over waves as tall as mountains.

**Find a simile in the passage above and explain how it contributes to meaning.**

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In the canoe sat a young boy yet he swung the great paddle with an ease and speed of the strongest man in the West. The canoe remained still for a few moments, in the centre of the amber light, and its occupant, with a slight swaying motion of the paddle, held it steady in the current.

**List two impressions that you are given about the occupant in the canoe.**