

Author's Purpose

Name: _____

1. Happy birthday to me! Oh, how I love birthdays! What should I buy with the dollar bills that are flowing out of my pockets? Mom says I should save one-third of the money, donate another one-third, and keep one-third to spend as I wish. I just want to spend it all, you know? However, my friend at school never gets money for his birthday. Maybe I could donate one-third of my birthday money to him. Or I could save some of the money until after Christmas to spend just in case I don't get everything I asked for. What would you do?

What is the author's purpose of this writing?

- A to persuade B to express personal feelings
 C to inform D to entertain

The author is showing that

- A birthdays are great times to collect presents.
 B it's important to manage your money.
 C friends at school don't have birthday parties.
 D Christmas is an important holiday for getting presents.

2. All third grade classes will be going on a field trip on Thursday, October 17. Students will travel to Dunn State Park. There they will split into groups. Each group will go on a nature hike with a park ranger. After the hike, the groups will meet at the picnic area for lunch. Each student should bring a sack lunch from home or money to buy a sack lunch from the school lunchroom. Students will return to school before dismissal. Please sign and return this form by Wednesday, October 16.

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This paragraph was most likely written for _____.

- A parents
 B students
 C park rangers
 D teachers

3. Leo peered down into the water. His ears twitched with excitement. There it was! The fish saw him too and quickly swam away. Leo bent over for a closer look. He felt the tips of his whiskers dance across the water's surface. It was a harsh reminder of the cruel obstacle blocking him from his prey.

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The author does not say it, but you can guess that Leo is a _____.

- A boy
 B cat
 C fish
 D bee