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Directions: Cut out the text passages. Read each passage and decide if the author's purpose is to persuade, inform, or entertain the reader. Paste the passage under the correct purpose.

 Persuade	 Inform	 Entertain

<p>Sarah heard the doorbell ring so she rushed to the front door. On the porch, she found a cardboard box with the words "Open Right Away" scribbled across the top. She leaned closer to the box and could hear something moving inside it. Sarah wondered what it could possibly be. She reached forward and started to open the box.</p>	<p>Recently, polar bears were added to the threatened species list. This is a list of animals that face the possibility of becoming endangered. Polar bears live in the icy Arctic and eat other animals that live there. Due to the planet warming, ice in the Arctic has been melting and changing the polar bears' habitat.</p>	<p>Mike's Burger Joint serves the the best burgers in town! Each burger is handmade once you order so that your food is fresh. This is no regular fast food joint. You won't find a better burger no matter how hard you look. Stop by Mike's Burger Joint today to eat a burger that tops all others!</p>
<p>Recycling is important to helping protect our planet. It doesn't take much work to recycle. Get a separate container (like a box or bag) and place it next to your trash can. When you throw away trash, simply put your glass, paper, plastic and cans in the recycling container. Please think about how easy it is to recycle and start today!</p>	<p>The month of February usually has 28 days, except during leap years. Every four years, the month of February will have 29 days. That means there will be 366 days in a leap year instead of 365 days. 2012 is a leap year with February having 29 days. The next leap year will not happen until the year 2016.</p>	<p>Anthony drug his feet and slowly walked home from school. Today had been the worst day ever. At lunch, he had spilled his tray of food on the floor. During PE, he had struck out every time he went to bat. He just knew he had done poorly on his spelling test. Was it possible for this day to get any worse?</p>
<p>Our school lunchroom should start selling pizza every day for lunch. Many people might think that pizza is not that healthy for you. If veggies are included on the pizza as toppings, it makes it healthier. Plus, more kids like pizza than the other options. Don't you want the kids to like the food being served at lunch?</p>	<p>The boys crept closer to the old, haunted house. The front door was open enough to see that inside the house was pitch black. They looked at each other and then back at the busted window where their baseball had flew right into the creepy house. They knew the only way to get the ball back was to be brave and enter the scary house.</p>	<p>Basketball is a sport played with two teams. Each team has five players on the basketball court at a time. The players try to get the basketball into their hoop by dribbling the ball to their hoop and throwing the ball in. The team with the most points at the end of the game wins.</p>