



# Author's Purpose/Point of View

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1 Hawks can often be seen perched on top of lampposts along interstate highways. Although this may seem like a strange place, it gives the hawk a perfect vantage point for seeing the small animals it will catch, kill, and eat. **Why did the author write this passage?**

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- B To persuade people to kill hawks.
- C To provide entertainment for drivers.
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- A This is a funny story for a TV show.



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7 author write these sentences?

- A He is trying to entertain us by being funny.
- B He is persuading people to not buy the car.
- C She is giving us information that is true.
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This is an example of \_\_\_\_\_ writing.

- A entertaining
- B descriptive
- C persuasive
- D informative

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- A true
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## ANSWER KEY

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- C Mom wants everyone to learn about bears.
- D

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(c)

- A This is a funny story for a TV show.
- B Motorcycle magazine would print this.
- C This is a persuasive advertisement.
- D



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