



Read each passage and decide: did the author write to Persuade, Inform, or Entertain?
Answer the questions in complete sentences.

Capybaras: Gentle Giants of the Water

Capybaras are the largest rodents in the world. They live in South America near rivers, lakes, and swamps. Their coarse brown fur and rounded bodies make them look like giant guinea pigs.

These animals are strong swimmers. Their webbed feet help them paddle easily. They can hold their breath and hide underwater for several minutes. They can also rest with their noses above the water to breathe.

Capybaras eat plants, including grasses and water plants. They often live in groups of 10 to 20. Living together helps them watch for danger. Water gives them a place to hide, swim, and cool down.



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

(1) What is the MAIN purpose of this passage?

- ☐ A To convince people that capybaras make the best pets.
- ☐ B To tell a funny story about a capybara's day.
- ☐ C To teach readers facts about capybaras and their watery homes.
- ☐ D To describe a capybara's feelings about swimming.

(2) The author wrote this passage mainly to _____ the reader.



(3) Which detail explains how capybaras are adapted for swimming?

- ☐ A Capybaras live in South America. ☐ B Their webbed feet help them paddle easily.
- ☐ C They eat grasses and aquatic plants. ☐ D They often live in groups of 10 to 20.

(4) How do you know the author's purpose? Use TWO details from the passage to support your answer.

(5) If you were writing about the same topic, which purpose would YOU choose — to persuade, inform, or entertain? Explain why.

