Author's Purpose

A newspaper article about a devastating earthquake.

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A letter to a newsagent about a vacant paper round.

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A biography about a world leader.

What is the author's purpose in writing this text?
A leaflet advertising the services of a gardener.

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A letter to a local MP about a proposed housing development.

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A list of instructions to build a climbing frame.

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A diary entry by a historical figure.

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A maths textbook.

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A fictional story about two friends who build a rocket.

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A poster about being a successful learner.

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A text message with directions to your piano exam.

What is the author’s purpose in writing this text?
A blog about daily life in a school.

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A leaflet advertising a house for sale.

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A recount of a school trip.

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A newspaper article about a miscarriage of justice.

What is the author's purpose in writing this text?
A school project about the Egyptians.

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

A joke book.

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

A poster advertising a new theme park.

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A leaflet detailing things to see and do in a big city.

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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'?

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.

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.

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.