

9-11 YEAR OLDS
COMPREHENSION

Here are some notes on the comprehension skills we practised in today's lesson. You will also find an extension activity which you can complete in your own time.

FACT & OPINION

- **Facts are definitely true and can be backed up with evidence.**
e.g. The first part of the International Space Station was launched into space in 1998.
- **Opinions are how someone feels. They are not necessarily true, and others may feel differently.**
e.g. Being an astronaut is one of the best jobs in the world.

Noting the balance of facts and opinions in a piece of writing is one of the ways you can identify the author's purpose.

AUTHOR'S PURPOSE

Author's Purpose	Examples
Persuade	A charity appeal pamphlet A NASA-published document telling people about the benefits of the ISS
Inform	A rugby match report A factual text about the building of the ISS
Entertain	A comic book A fictional story based on the ISS
Explain	A guide on how gears work A textbook chapter telling people how the ISS stays in orbit
Describe	A police report on the appearance of a suspect A text helping future astronauts imagine what it's like to live on the ISS

TAKEAWAY CHALLENGE

Author's Purpose Hunt

Hunt around your home and search the internet to try and find a text written for each of the five purposes detailed in the table above. Tick them off as you go.

Remember to search a selection of sources and ask others in your home if they have any relevant texts.

Parents - We would love it if you could share your child's work with us on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram using #exploreathome