

Name _____

across

borrow

countryside

idea

insists

lonely

solution

villages

Choose the word that makes sense in each blank. Then write the word on the line.

1. The road passes through many small towns and villages.
2. We saw a sheep farm in the countryside.
3. She felt lonely when everyone left the house.
4. May I please borrow your pencil?
5. The boy has a good idea for his art project.
6. They use the bridge to get across the stream.
7. I know the solution to this math problem.
8. The teacher insists that students do their best.

Name _____

The letters **o**, **oa**, **ow**, and **oe** can stand for the long **o** sound. Listen to the vowel sound as you say the words **so**, **road**, **low**, and **woe**.

A. Read each word in the box. Circle the words with the long o sound. Then underline the letter or letters that spell the long o sound.

drop	<u>coat</u>	<u>told</u>	<u>mow</u>	book
<u>most</u>	<u>grow</u>	loop	<u>Joe</u>	lost
<u>toast</u>	pond	<u>show</u>	<u>toe</u>	<u>float</u>

A **contraction** is a short way of writing two words. An apostrophe stands for the missing letters.

B. Write the two words that make up each contraction.

1. isn't is not

2. didn't did not

3. won't will not

4. aren't are not

Name _____

Read the passage. Ask and answer questions as you read to check your understanding.

Helping Out in the Community

Doug Long has been riding bikes for a long time.

10 When he was 16, he took a solo bike trip. He rode his
23 bike alone across the United States. That's a big journey
33 for a young man!

37 Now when Doug rides, it may be with a group of
48 children. Doug works with a volunteer group. The group
57 sets up bike rides for city kids. It gives the children time
69 to appreciate and enjoy the world around them. Doug
78 helps them explore nature.

82 Doug brings his own bike and helmet for a bike trip.
93 The children get bikes to ride and helmets to wear. Then
104 they go to a park or a nature area.

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Doug Long helps children learn more about nature.

113 On one trip, the children saw a caterpillar. They
122 weren't sure if it was safe to touch it. Doug picked it up.
135 He showed it to the children. Once they were certain it
146 was harmless, they all took turns holding it.

154 Between bike trips, the children can learn how to fix
164 bikes. They can work at a bike workshop. This earns
174 them points. They can use the points to get a bike of
186 their own.

188 Doug Long likes to ride his bike. And he likes to help
200 out. He has made his community a better place.

Name _____

A. Reread the passage and answer the questions.

1. What did the author want you to know about Doug Long when Doug was 16?

Doug took a bike trip by himself across the United States.

2. What did the author want you to know about Doug's work with a volunteer group?

Doug took city children on bike rides to help them explore nature.

3. What is the author's purpose for writing this passage?

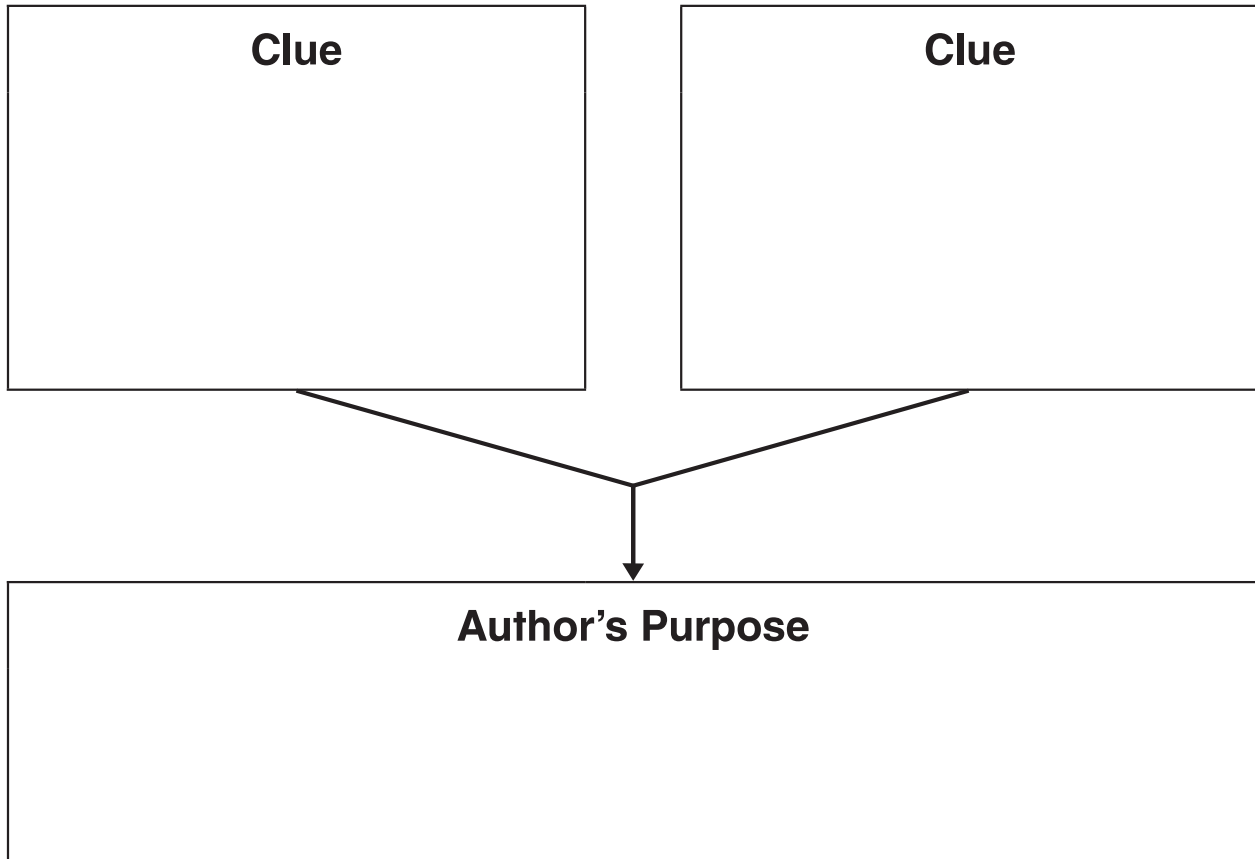
The author's purpose is to give information about how Doug Long helps in his community.

B. Work with a partner. Read the passage aloud. Pay attention to how you show feelings with your voice. Stop after one minute. Fill out the chart.

	Words Read	–	Number of Errors	=	Words Correct Score
First Read		–		=	
Second Read		–		=	

Name _____

Read the selection. Complete the Author's Purpose chart.



Name _____

A. Read the draft model. Use the questions that follow the draft to help you add opinion words and phrases.

Draft Model

Last week my family went to the park. There was trash on the ground. We told friends and neighbors. We all helped clean it up. Now the park is nicer.

1. How do you think the writer feels about seeing trash at the park?
2. Why does everyone help clean up the trash?
3. How does everyone feel once the park is cleaned up?

B. Now revise the draft by adding opinion words and phrases to show how the writer feels about the topic.

*Answers will vary but should include opinion words such as **I think or***

***I believe** along with words that show the writer's feelings.*

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A Friendly City for Bikes

Sara Krause lives in Austin, Texas. The mayor asked her for ideas to improve bike safety. Now Sara and many other people have helped make Austin a friendly city for bikes.



Sara Krause was the leader of the bike safety group in Austin.

Answer the questions about the text.

1. How can you tell that this text is narrative nonfiction?

It tells a story about a person by a narrator. It has a photo and a caption.

2. How has Sara Krause helped out in Austin?

She has helped to make Austin a friendly city for bikes.

3. Why does the author include a photo?

The author includes a photo to show Sara Krause.

4. What information can you learn from the caption?

Sara Krause was the leader of the group in Austin.

Name _____

Synonyms are words that have almost the same meaning.

A. Read each pair of sentences. Find the two words that are synonyms. Circle the synonyms and then write them on the lines.

1. When he was 16, he took a **solo** bike trip.

He rode his bike **alone** across the United States.

solo

alone

2. When he was 16, he took a solo bike **trip**.

That's a big **journey** for a young man!

trip

journey

3. Now when Doug rides, it may be with a group of **children**.

The group sets up bike rides for city **kids**.

children

kids

B. Read the sentences. Write a word to answer each question.

They weren't sure if it was safe to touch it.

Once they were certain it was harmless, they **all** took turns holding it.

4. Which word in the second sentence is a synonym for **sure**?

certain

5. Which word in the second sentence is a synonym for **safe**?

harmless

Name _____

Reread “Helping Out in the Community.” Write about the author’s purpose. Use the words and chart to complete the sentences. Possible responses given.

1. In “Helping Out in the Community”,
the author wrote about Doug Long

_____.

2. The author chose to write about Doug Long because he helps
children in his community

_____.

3. The author included the photo and caption to help the reader
see who Doug Long is and understand how he helps children in his
community

_____.

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