Objective
The student will identify the author’s purpose.

Materials
- Expository or narrative text
  Choose text within students’ instructional-independent reading level range.
  Divide the text into logical one- or two-paragraph sections that will encourage discussion.
- Sticky notes
  Use sticky notes to indicate where students are to stop and ask questions.
- Question tent card (Activity Master C.031.AM1)
  Copy on card stock, cut out, and fold in half.
- Student sheet (Activity Master C.031.SS)
- Pencils

Activity
Students answer questions about the text with a partner.
1. Place question tent card so each student can see it. Provide each student with a copy of the text and a student sheet.
2. Working in pairs, student one reads aloud and stops at the sticky note.
3. Student two reads the questions and discusses each answer with student one.
4. Student one writes the page number and answers on his student sheet.
5. Reverse roles and continue until all pages are read.
6. Teacher evaluation

Extensions and Adaptations
- Read text and discuss questions with a partner (Activity Master C.031.AM2).
What is the author saying?

Does the author say it clearly? Why or why not?

Could the author have said it better? How?
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Comprehension
Inquisitive Inquiries

- What is the author’s message?
- Why did the author say that?
- Is there a better way to say it?
- How does this connect to what the author already said?
- What does the author assume we already know?
- What’s the big idea the author is trying to get across?

- What does the author mean by that?
- What’s the difference between what the author just said and what he said earlier?
- What does this contribute to the overall message the author is trying to convey?
- How does this connect to what the author already said?
- What does the author assume we already know?
- What’s the big idea the author is trying to get across?

question tent card