

Same Event, New Voices

See how purpose and audience shape a writer's choices.

10.W.1.D "Develop flexibility in writing by routinely producing shorter and longer pieces that adapt writing content, technique, and voice for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences, (e.g., summaries, reflections, descriptions, critiques..."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle words that reveal the audience, underline phrases that reveal the writer's purpose, and number the paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 to track how the voice changes for each task.

Rain Barrels, Three Ways

- ① On Tuesday, the Westside Community Garden installed two rain barrels beside its tool shed. Volunteers connected the barrels to a gutter so rainwater can be stored for dry days. According to garden coordinator Lena Ortiz, the system holds 100 gallons when full and will reduce the garden's use of tap water. The project was paid for by a neighborhood grant and built during a two-hour work session. Garden beds will receive stored water beginning next week, after volunteers test the spigots and check for leaks carefully.
- ② When I arrived at the garden after school, the new barrels looked too plain to matter. Then rain began tapping the shed roof, and I watched water stream through the gutter into the first barrel. I thought about carrying heavy watering cans across the lot during July. This small system could make that work easier, but it also made me notice how quickly water disappears when a hose is left running. I left muddy and tired, yet proud that our neighborhood had turned an ordinary rainy afternoon into something useful.
- ③ Dear neighbors, please stop by the garden this Saturday at 10 a.m. to see the rain barrels and learn how they work. We need three volunteers to help label the barrels, sweep the work area, and record how much water they collect after the next storm. If you cannot attend, you can still support the project by saving clean plastic plant pots for our seedlings. The garden is open to everyone, and your help will keep our vegetables growing while we use less tap water. Sincerely,
Westside Garden Volunteers

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What audience and purpose best fit the first paragraph? Give one detail that supports your answer.

2 How does the second paragraph's first-person voice fit its purpose? Use one detail from the paragraph in your answer.

3 What specific request does the third paragraph make, and how does that request help the writer's purpose?

4 You need a model for a notice that recruits community help. Which paragraph is the strongest model, and why?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Your school is collecting books for a public library. Write a 40 to 60 word announcement to classmates that explains what to donate and when. Then write a 90 to 110 word first-person reflection for your journal about choosing and delivering a book, using a more personal voice.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Circle words that reveal the audience, underline phrases that reveal the writer's purpose, and number the paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 to track how the voice changes for each task. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What audience and purpose best fit the first paragraph? Give one detail that supports your answer.	It fits community members who need an objective update. It gives practical facts, including the 100-gallon capacity, grant funding, and testing plan.
2	How does the second paragraph's first-person voice fit its purpose? Use one detail from the paragraph in your answer.	The first-person voice makes the paragraph a personal reflection. The writer describes watching water enter the barrel and feeling muddy, tired, and proud.
3	What specific request does the third paragraph make, and how does that request help the writer's purpose?	It asks for three volunteers to label barrels, sweep, and record collected water. The request helps recruit help for the garden project.
4	You need a model for a notice that recruits community help. Which paragraph is the strongest model, and why?	The third paragraph is the strongest model because it directly addresses neighbors, gives a time, lists needed tasks, and asks for support.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Classmates: Bring a new or gently used book to Room 214 by Friday. Student Council will deliver donations to the East Branch Library, where children and teens can choose free books. Drop off mysteries, comics, poetry, or nonfiction during first-period collection. At first, I chose a graphic novel that I had finished years ago, but I paused before placing it in the box. The book was funny, and its pages were clean, so someone else might enjoy it as much as I had. I added a science book too because the library's notice said it needed books for different ages. Carrying the books to Room 214 felt small, yet the growing stack showed how many readers our school could reach together. That thought made the donation feel personal rather than merely convenient.

Accept reasonable audience and purpose claims when students support them with accurate details from the passage. For the open task, check that the announcement is concise and direct for classmates, while the reflection is longer, first person, and more personal.