Narrator Clue Hunt

Track the words that reveal a story's narrator.

4.RL.2.D "Differentiate between first-and third-person point of view."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline two words in each paragraph that show who is telling the story. Write 1 beside a first-person paragraph and 3 beside a third-person paragraph.

The Creek Map

1. I tucked a paper map into my raincoat pocket before I crossed the creek behind the library. My boots splashed in the shallow water, and I held the map high. At the old oak, I found a red string on a branch. I tugged it softly because I hoped my friends had hidden the treasure box nearby for us.

2. Across the creek, Theo noticed Maya waving from the oak tree. He carried the snack bag, but he did not see the red string at first. Then Maya pointed to it. Theo watched her pull the string, and a small wooden box slid from a hollow under the roots. He smiled when Maya lifted the box above her head.

3. I opened the box and found three smooth stones, each painted with a gold star. Theo chose one, and I chose another. We decided the last stone should go to our friend Lena, who had drawn the map. As I walked home, I felt proud that I had followed all the clues without giving up.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Which paragraphs are told in first person? Which paragraph is told in third person?

2. What two words in paragraph 1 show that the narrator tells the story in first person?

3. In paragraph 2, what name and pronouns does the narrator use for Maya?

4. How does the narrator refer to themself in paragraph 3? What point of view does this show?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Describe the same simple event in two ways. Write exactly two sentences in first person, then exactly two sentences in third person, using words that show each point of view.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 4 · 4.RL.2.D

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline two words in each paragraph that show who is telling the story. Write 1 beside a first-person paragraph and 3 beside a third-person paragraph. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which paragraphs are told in first person? Which paragraph is told in third person?	**Paragraphs 1 and 3 are first person. Paragraph 2 is third person.**
2	What two words in paragraph 1 show that the narrator tells the story in first person?	**I and my.**
3	In paragraph 2, what name and pronouns does the narrator use for Maya?	**The narrator uses Maya and her.**
4	How does the narrator refer to themself in paragraph 3? What point of view does this show?	**The narrator uses I, we, and our. This shows first-person point of view.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

First person: I found a blue feather on the playground. I showed it to my brother and put it in my pocket. Third person: Jordan found a blue feather on the playground. He showed it to his brother and put it in his pocket.

Accept any correctly labeled first-person and third-person writing that describes the same event. First-person writing should use words such as I, me, my, or we, while third-person writing should use a character's name or words such as he, she, they, or their.