

Spotting Mismatched Roleplay Answer Key

Passage 1

Roleplay Voice: Robot

Why mismatched: The robot tone ("system online," "probability of lance impact," "combat sensors") is technical and futuristic, but the content (a medieval joust with knights and horses) is old-fashioned and historical. The clash between high-tech language and medieval context makes it feel off.

Passage 2

Roleplay Voice: Cowboy

Why mismatched: Cowboy slang like "Yeehaw," "partner," and "lasso" is connected to the Wild West, but here it's applied to outer space and rockets. The mismatch comes from combining rural cowboy imagery with high-tech space travel.

Passage 3

Roleplay Voice: Noble Knight

Why mismatched: The knightly tone with words like "by thunder and flame," "oozeth forth," and "feast to honor in the halls of kings" fits a medieval warrior, but it's describing something modern and casual: a burrito. The mix of epic, formal language with fast food is the source of the mismatch.

Passage 4

Roleplay Voice: Zombie

Why mismatched: The broken, hungry zombie tone ("groan... brains... hungry") is applied to the stock market, profits, and dividends. Zombies don't belong in business settings, so the financial jargon and zombie hunger don't match.