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The Voice Next Door

Directions: Read the passage below told by the **dog's owner**. Then, rewrite the same event as if the **neighbor** were telling it. Focus on how tone, emotion, and word choice change depending on perspective. After rewriting, explain what each version reveals about the speaker's character.

"Gone Missing" (Told by the Owner)

I can still hear the jingle of Max's collar when I close my eyes. He slipped out the gate before I could grab him, and now the yard feels hollow without him. I've searched every street, called his name until my voice cracked. People keep saying, "He'll come back," but they don't understand—Max isn't just a pet. He's family.

1. Rewrite the passage from the **neighbor's** point of view.
(Example starter: *"That dog's been running the neighborhood again..."*)

2. What details or tone change in your rewritten version?

3. Which narrator shows more emotional depth? Why?

4. What does this activity teach about how voice shapes meaning?
