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## The Voice Next Door Answer Key

1. The neighbor's voice would be more detached or practical (e.g., noticing noise, inconvenience, or routine).
2. The owner's version is emotional and personal, while the neighbor's focuses on observation and mild annoyance or sympathy.
3. The owner shows greater emotional depth through sentimental and sensory language.
4. Changing narrators reveals how **tone, focus, and attitude** shift depending on relationship and perspective.

### Teacher's Guide:

- **Skill Focus:** Encourages students to explore **how narrative voice changes perception** of the same event.
- **Before Reading:** Discuss how perspective influences tone; how the same event sounds different from different voices.
- **During Activity:** Have students share rewritten versions aloud and identify emotional or stylistic differences.
- **After Reading:** Lead a reflection on how empathy and proximity affect voice and tone.
- **Extension Idea:** Ask students to retell another brief event (like a rainstorm or argument) through two contrasting narrators to deepen mastery of character voice.