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## Authentic Echoes Answer Key

1. Jack's voice feels authentic due to its balance of restraint and emotion.
2. Lines like "I miss your laugh" and "remind myself what home sounds like" show vulnerability in a natural way.
3. His tone is conversational and understated, avoiding exaggeration, which makes it believable.
4. The voice reveals quiet strength, loneliness, and tenderness toward the person he's writing to.

### Teacher's Guide:

- **Skill Focus:** Develops students' ability to assess **authenticity and consistency of narrative voice** through diction and emotional tone.
- **Before Reading:** Discuss what makes a character's voice sound believable (tone, word choice, realistic emotion).
- **During Reading:** Have students annotate emotional and descriptive lines, noting tone shifts or subtle phrasing.
- **After Reading:** Lead a discussion comparing realistic vs. forced emotional writing.
- **Extension Idea:** Students rewrite one paragraph as if Jack exaggerated or minimized his emotions, then reflect on how that changes believability.