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## Storyteller vs. Character Answer Key

### Suggested Answers:

1. The narrator should sound steady and neutral, while characters' voices are expressive (e.g., Leo's tired tone, donkey's stubborn bray).
2. Answers will vary: students may find Leo easier (normal human voice) or the donkey easier (funny animal sound).
3. Separating voices helps listeners clearly tell who is speaking, improves comprehension, and makes the story more engaging.

### Teacher Notes:

- Model the passage first: read narration neutrally, then shift dramatically into character voices.
- Stress that the **narrator provides the setting and action**, while the **characters bring drama and life**.
- Remind students that fluency is about **expression and clarity, not just speed**.
- Extension idea: Have students take turns reading - one reads the narrator lines, the other reads all character dialogue, then switch roles.