

Triple Talk Answer Key

Answers will vary. Below is a sample response that demonstrates clear speaker shifts and consistent character voices.

Sample for Prompt 1:

"I swear this wasn't here yesterday," Lila said as she held up the small metal box.

"Maybe someone dropped it," Rowan replied, leaning closer.

"No one just drops a locked box," Kyra said, tapping it.

"Well, open it," Rowan suggested.

"I'm not touching it again," Lila said.

"Fine, I'll try," Kyra muttered. "But if it buzzes, I'm out."

"Buzzes?" Rowan said. "Why would it buzz?"

"Exactly my point," Kyra answered. "This thing is weird."

Teacher's Guide

Focus Skill: Managing **three-character dialogue** while keeping speakers clear, consistent, and easy to follow.

Teaching Tips

- Encourage students to use a mix of **dialogue tags**, **action beats**, and **distinct voice styles** to clarify who is speaking.
- Remind them that in three-person conversations, shorter lines often help prevent confusion.
- Point out that each character should sound slightly different through word choice or pacing.

Engagement Ideas

- Have groups of three students act out their written dialogue to test clarity.
- Create a "voice swap" activity where students rewrite the dialogue with each character switching roles or attitudes.
- Let students guess which classmate wrote which character based on voice traits.