

Three Voices Answer Key

Answers will vary. A correct set of responses should include:

- **Formal voice:** precise wording, measured tone, organized structure, and minimal emotional flair.
- **Humorous voice:** playful exaggeration, witty observations, light commentary, or unexpected comparisons.
- **Dramatic voice:** intense emotions, heightened tension, vivid imagery, and strong emphasis on stakes.
- All three versions must describe the same events but sound distinctly different.

Teacher's Guide

- Introduce students to **narrative voice** by showing short examples of contrasting voices.
- Emphasize that the narrator's personality controls word choice, pacing, and how events feel to the reader.
- Before writing, encourage students to list voice markers such as formal vocabulary, humorous exaggerations, or dramatic tension words.
- **Differentiation tips:**
 - Provide voice word banks for students who need help generating tone-specific language.
 - Offer sentence starters for each voice type.
- **Engagement ideas:**
 - Have students read one of their three versions aloud and let classmates guess which voice it is.
 - Let groups trade scenes and transform each other's neutral scenes into voices.
- **Extension ideas:**
 - Ask students to choose a brand new voice (sarcastic, gentle, excitable) and rewrite the scene a fourth time.
 - Have students write a short story using one chosen voice to maintain consistency across multiple paragraphs.