**Author, Narrator, and Character**

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**Author and Narrator**
The author ________________ the same as the narrator.

a) ________________  
b) ________________

**Author and Narrator—Example**
In the story Roscoe Riley Rules: Don’t Glue Friends to Chairs:

a) The author is ____________________.

b) The narrator is ____________________.

**Narrator and Character**
Sometimes the character ________________ sometimes a narrator.

a) ________________  
b) ________________

**Instructions:** Put a check mark (✓) under Some or All for each sentence.

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**Narrators and Action**
A narrator who participates in the action:

a) ________________ to characters.  
b) ________________ with characters.
Narrators and Action:

Example

Well, it all started this morning. I was helping my mom pack my lunch.
“Banana?” I asked her. “With no icky brown spots on it?” Mom looked in my lunch box.
“Check,” she said.

Does Roscoe participate in the action of the story?

Is Roscoe only the narrator? Or is he also a character?

Practice #1

My mother drove me to the airport with the windows rolled down. It was seventy-five degrees in Phoenix, the sky a perfect, cloudless blue...
“Bella,” my mom said to me—the last of a thousand times—before I got on the plane. “You don’t have to do this.”

Twilight, Chapter One,
by Stephanie Meyer

1. What is the narrator’s name?
2. Does this narrator participate in the action of the story?
3. How do we know?

Practice #2

Harry Potter was a wizard—a wizard fresh from his first year at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. And, if the Dursleys were unhappy to have him back for the holidays, it was nothing to how Harry felt.
He missed Hogwarts so much it was like having a constant stomachache.

Harry Potter, Chapter One,
by J.K. Rowling

1. What is the narrator’s name?
2. Does this narrator participate in the action of the story?
3. How do we know?
There was another announcement on the loudspeaker today, and to be honest with you, I kind of figured this one was coming.

“Greg Heffley, please report to Mr. Winsky’s office.”

I knew it was just a matter of time before I got busted for what happened last week.

When I got to Mr. Winsky’s office, he was really mad.

_Diary of a Wimpy Kid_,
by Jeff Kinney

1. What is the narrator’s name?
2. Does this narrator participate in the action of the story?
3. How do we know?

Jack pushed his glasses into place. Who was going to believe any of this?

Not his mom. Or his dad. Or his third grade teacher, Ms. Watkins. Only his seven year-old sister, Annie. She’d gone with him to the time of the dinosaurs.

_Magic Treehouse #2: The Knight at Dawn_, Chapter One,
by Mary Pope Osborne

1. What is the narrator’s name?
2. Does this narrator participate in the action of the story?
3. How do we know?