

Name: _____

Date: _____

Narrator
Quiz 2

Instructions: Read the selection below. Then answer the questions about the narrator.

There have been occasions in my later life (I suppose as in most lives) when I have felt for a time as if a thick curtain had fallen on all its interest and romance, to shut me out from anything save dull endurance any more. Never has that curtain dropped so heavy and blank, as when my way in life lay stretched out straight before me through the newly-entered road of apprenticeship to Joe.

(Author: Charles Dickens, *Great Expectations*)

1. The narrator _____.
 - a. is a story character
 - b. is a story character as well as the narrator
 - c. is the author
 - d. describes the action and characters but does not participate

2. The narrator's name is _____.
 - a. Joe
 - b. Charles
 - c. the same as the author's
 - d. Another name

Whenever my mother talks to me, she begins the conversation as if we were already in the middle of an argument.

"Pearl-ah, have to go, no choice," my mother said when she phoned last week. After several minutes, I learned the reason for her call: Auntie Helen was inviting the whole family to my cousin Bao-bao's engagement party.

(Author: Amy Tan, *The Kitchen God's Wife*)

3. The narrator's name is _____.
 - a. Helen
 - b. Bao-bao
 - c. Pearl-ah (Pearl)
 - d. Unknown

4. The narrator _____.
- a. describes characters but does not interact with them
 - b. describes characters and interacts with them
 - c. interacts with characters but does not describe them
 - d. does not describe or interact with characters

By a former marriage, Mr. Henry Dashwood had one son; by his present lady, three daughters. The son, a steady, respectable young man, was amply provided for by the fortune of his mother, which had been large, and half of which devolved on him on his coming of age.

(Author: Jane Austen, *Sense and Sensibility*)

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6. The narrator _____.
- a. is a story character
 - b. is a story character as well as the narrator
 - c. is the author
 - d. tells about the action but does not participate

This hobbit was a very well-to-do hobbit, and his name was Baggins. The Bagginses had lived in the neighbourhood of The Hill for time out of mind, and people considered them very respectable, not only because most of them were rich, but also because they never had any adventures or did anything unexpected...

(Author: J.R.R. Tolkien, *The Hobbit*)

7. The narrator of this selection is called _____.
- a. The hobbit
 - b. Baggins
 - c. A neighbor of The Hill
 - d. An unknown name

8. The narrator _____.
- a. is a story character
 - b. is a story character as well as the narrator
 - c. is the author
 - d. tells about the action but does not participate

All the time he lived with us the captain made no change whatever in his dress but to buy some stockings from a hawker...I remember the appearance of his coat, which he patched himself up-stairs in his room, and which, before the end, was nothing but patches.

(Author: Robert Louis Stevenson, *Treasure Island*)

9. The narrator _____.
- a. interacts with other characters
 - b. does not meet other characters but is able to describe them in detail
 - c. interacts with the author but not with characters
 - d. never actually meets another character
10. How do readers know the answer to question 9?
- a. The narrator describes the clothing of another character.
 - b. The narrator told events from yesterday.
 - c. The narrator lived with other characters.
 - d. The narrator explains the characters and scenes of the story.