

**Narrator**  
**Video Notes**

**Author, Narrator, and Character**

Who	What he or she does
Author	
Narrator	
Character	

**Author and Narrator**

The author \_\_\_\_\_ the same as the narrator.

- a) is
- b) is not

**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) is
- b) is not

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

Narrators	Some	All
Tell about the action.		
Do not participate in the action. (This is only a narrator.)		
Participate in the action. (This is a narrator and also a character.)		

**Narrators and Action**

A narrator who participates in the action:

- a) \_\_\_\_\_ to characters.
- b) \_\_\_\_\_ with characters.

**Interacting** means \_\_\_\_\_. Examples include \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
and \_\_\_\_\_.

### **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

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2. Does this narrator participate in the action of the story?
3. How do we know?

### Practice #3

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

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2. Does this narrator participate in the action of the story?
3. How do we know?

### Practice #4

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

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2. Does this narrator participate in the action of the story?
3. How do we know?