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The birds' delightful tunes send messages to other birds. Sometimes they are warning other birds to stay away. Other times male birds are trying to get the attention of female birds. They make a different sound when an animal that is hunting birds comes close.

There is a lot more to bird songs than just beautiful sounds. The next time you hear a bird song, you may think he is singing, but he may really be telling you to stay away.

"My Mockingbird"

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This mockingbird sang in the daytime, too. I went outside one afternoon and looked for him (my mom told me it is mostly the male mockingbirds that sing day and night). I could see him perching on top of a telephone pole behind our house. He was small and gray. I could see white spots on his wings when he spread them.

A book on birds that I read said that mockingbirds learn songs from other birds. They even copy noises machines make, like car alarms! A male mockingbird might learn up to 200 songs. He uses them to make female mockingbirds pay attention to him.

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from "Bird Talk" and "My Mockingbird"

In which text can you find a reason why mockingbirds sing?

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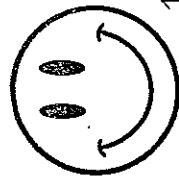
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In which text can you learn about a way birds warn other animals to stay away?

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In which text can you find out how many songs a mockingbird can learn?

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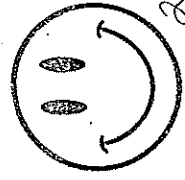
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In which text can you find out what time of day male mockingbirds sing?

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B) only in "My Mockingbird"

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Read the paragraphs.

Justin said, "You should have seen what Scott found when we were digging up the garden bed. All of a sudden he started screaming, 'Lizard! Lizard!' Ms. Orien ran over and took the thing out of his hands. The little guy was caked in dirt and seemed dead, but Ms. Orien explained that he was only hibernating. She looked him over and said he didn't appear to be hurt. We dug him a hole away from our garden and reburied him. We were all much more careful with our shovels after that."

Ira said, "I heard Scott found a lizard in the garden bed yesterday. He screamed that he had found a snake and held it out to scare everyone. Ms. Orien ran over and took it out of his hand. 'It's a hibernating lizard,' she said. 'He doesn't seem to be hurt.' She had the students dig a hole away from the garden to rebury him."

On which point do Justin and Ira disagree?

- A) who found the lizard
- B) what Scott said
- C) what Ms. Orien told the class
- D) what the class did with the lizard

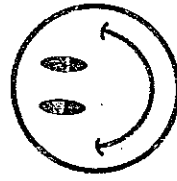
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Christina said, "The hike up Mt. Hope was long and difficult. Ms. Heyoka told us not to drink very much water on the way up, but Luna didn't listen. She chugged down almost all of her water within the first mile. When we got to the top, she complained her stomach hurt. Ms. Heyoka told her to sit against a tree and relax. When it was time to leave, Luna still felt sick, so Mr. Rocco had to stay back with her as the rest of us headed down the mountain."

Mario said, "I heard that Luna got really sick on the way up Mt. Hope from drinking too much water. Ms. Heyoka warned everyone not to drink very much, but Luna couldn't help herself. She was so thirsty from the difficult climb. So Luna didn't make it up to the top of the mountain like everyone else. Instead, she had to sit on the ground by a tree with Mr. Rocco. She missed out on all the fun, all because she didn't listen to Ms. Heyoka."

On which point do Christina and Mario disagree?

- A) where the group was hiking
- B) how far Luna hiked
- C) who stayed with Luna
- D) what Ms. Heyoka said about water



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Monica walked quietly through the house so that she would not wake her parents. Before entering the kitchen, she stood and listened, making sure nobody had gotten up because they heard her. She slowly opened the cabinet door, trying to make sure that it didn't squeak. As Monica reached into the cabinet, something warm and furry touched her hand. Monica ran from the kitchen screaming loudly. Her father ran in to see what had happened. He started laughing when he saw their cat Purr Purr sitting quietly in the kitchen cabinet wagging her tail.

The above passage uses which style of narration?

- A. First person
- B. Second person
- C. Third person
- D. Fourth person

I was so scared when I first learned that I would be having my tooth pulled. I didn't sleep at all the night before the procedure. I was terrified that it would hurt more than I could tolerate. I was shaking when I sat in the dentist's chair. He promised me that it would not hurt, but I certainly had my doubts. The dentist gave me some medicine. When I awoke, my tooth was gone, and I didn't remember a thing.

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