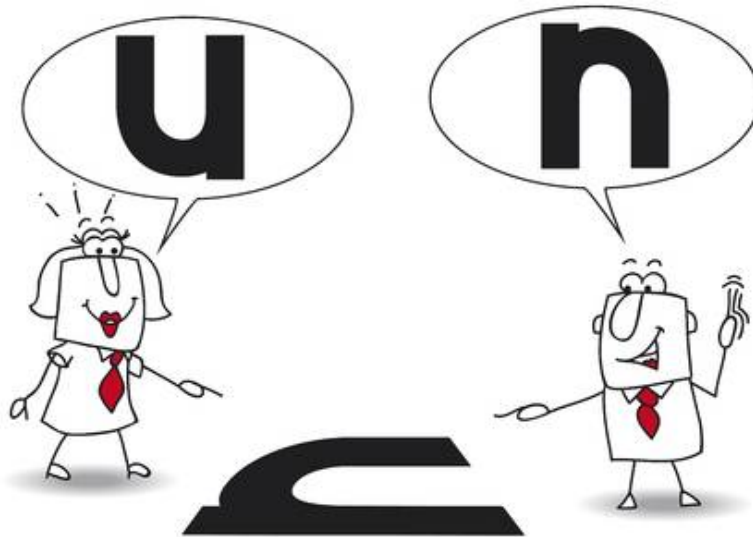


Grade 4 English Language Arts  
Week of January 11 – January 15

Lesson 1: What is Perspective?

**Perspective:** a particular attitude or view toward something; a point of view.

Take a look at the image below. Both people have different answers, yet **both of them are right**. They are looking at the same thing from a **different perspective**, or point of view, making them **perceive** the same thing differently.



Good readers understand that **perspective influences point of view** when telling a story. Perspective is influenced by a person's **experiences, background knowledge, preferences, feelings, opinions, and thoughts**.

Everyone's perspective is unique!

Consider the following scenario...



Angel and Frida are walking to the park. Up ahead, they see a young man walking towards them with his dog.

Angel has a pet dog that looks similar.  
Frida was bit by a dog last year.

- How will their experiences influence their perspective of the situation?
- How will each of them react?
- How are each of them feeling in that moment?

Angel and Frida are in the exact same situation, but their perceptions of the situation are different due to their experiences.

# Perspective



## What is Perspective?

- Different people may **'see'** things differently; they may have different **perceptions**
- People may not have the same **opinions, viewpoints, thoughts** or **feelings** in regard to the same situation or issue.

## Perspective and Characters

In literature, two characters may have **different perspectives**

Bradley didn't study very hard for the test. He thinks the test is too hard.



Matilda studied really hard for the test. She thinks the test is too easy.

Both characters are taking the same test, but their **perceptions** of the test are **different**.

## Perspective and Reader

When reading, the reader may have a different perspective than the character(s)

Ben, a character in a book, has had a hard life. He views the world, negatively, as if everyone is mean and out to get him.



Axel, the reader, has not had the same experiences as Ben. He views the world in a positive light and believes that most people are good.

Different **experiences** shape how people view the world.

## Perspective and Author

When reading, the reader may have a different perspective than the author

Harjit, the author, is sharing his opinion on why he believes people cannot change and grow.



Manuel, the reader, does not have the same perspective. He believes that people are always capable of change and growth.

Different **opinions** shape how people view the world.

## Perspectives

Fill in the following definition.

1. Perspective:

2. True or False: Experiences affect perspectives.

- a. True      b. False

3. Perspective and Characters: Provide an example other than the 2 provided.

a. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Perspective and Reader: Provide an example other than the 2 provided.

a. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Perspective and Author: Provide an example other than the 2 provided.

a. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_