

Lesson 59: Writing Voice

Different styles of writing will lend themselves to different writing voices. Match the example sentence to the type of writing it represents.

- a. compare/contrast
- b. personal narrative
- c. persuasive argument
- d. humorous description

I believe homeschooling should be legal worldwide. _____

I was thrilled to hear we were arriving at the park. _____

Snails are small, but ladybugs are much smaller. _____

Her hair spilled willy-nilly over her shoulder like pasta. _____

Match the underlined portion of the paragraph with the “voice problem” it represents.

- a. slang
- b. too formal
- c. too informal

1. Our vacation was totally rad. 2. We went to Laguna Beach, California (as if you needed to know the exact location). 3. I and my basic unit of society had a really nice time together.

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

Add descriptive words and phrases to the sentences below, but keep them all in the same voice – don’t mix formal and informal choices, don’t be silly in one and factual in another. When you are finished, read through the whole paragraph out loud and see if it sounds consistent throughout.

Yesterday was a great day. The weather was _____ . I went outside and _____ as I _____ . I could hear the _____ . Indeed, it was a marvelous day.