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.