

CHARACTER PERSPECTIVE

task cards



2nd & 3rd GRADE

12 Character Perspective

"You're too young to play basketball with us," Jason said. "No, I'm not," his brother, Derek, said. "I can play." Jason shook his head as he picked up his basketball. "Remember last time. You got knocked down and almost hurt yourself because some of the guys play rough." "But I'm bigger now," Derek said. "I'm faster and they won't be able to catch me." He ran in a quick circle around Jason to show how speedy he could be. "I'm sorry, Derek," Jason said. "Not this time." Derek watched Jason bounce his basketball as he walked down the street to the neighborhood park. When would he be big enough to play with the older boys?

How are Jason's and Derek's perspectives different?

- Jason thinks Derek is too young to play basketball while Derek thinks he's ready.
- Jason thinks Derek is too good to play basketball while Derek thinks he's not good enough.
- Jason thinks Derek will hog the ball while Derek thinks he can be a team player.
- Jason thinks Derek will be a sore loser while Derek thinks Jason will be one.

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Marco shrugged when Dreya asked, "What's in that box?" "What?" Dreya's eyes widened, and she stopped walking. "What's possible? This guy made his assistant completely disappear." "There was probably a secret compartment in that box or something," Marco said. "I don't believe she really disappeared." "But that box was so small," Dreya said, throwing her arms out to her sides. "There wasn't room for a secret compartment." "It just looked that way because it's an illusion," Marco said.

How does Dreya's perspective differ from Marco's perspective?

- Dreya believes the magic show was amazing while Marco wasn't that impressed.
- Dreya thinks magic shows are silly while Marco thinks they are wonderful.
- Dreya and Marco both believe the magician was very skilled.
- Dreya wants to be a magician while Marco doesn't think she can do it.

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A large, stylized illustration of a human eye with long, dark eyelashes and a brown iris, looking forward.

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- He is afraid of firefighters.
- He thinks firefighters are brave heroes.
- He believes being a firefighter is too risky.
- He is hoping his family doesn't want him to be a firefighter.



Ways to Use Task Cards

1. **Centers**
2. **Scoot:** Pass out one card for each student. Set a timer and say, “scoot!” when the timer goes off. Students move seats to the next card. They continue to rotate until they are back at their original seat.
3. **Scavenger Hunt:** Hide cards around the room. Students search for cards and answer them.
4. **Jenga:** Number Jenga blocks. Students stack the blocks, then take turns pulling blocks. Students answer the corresponding number card.
5. **Whole class practice:** Teacher displays card on the projector. Students answer on mini white boards.
6. **Exit Tickets:** Give each student a task card at the end of the lesson. Have them answer on a sticky note.

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"Do we have to go to shopping?" Greg looked at his baseball glove. He'd much rather join his friends at the park to play baseball than go shopping.

"Yes," his mother said. "You need a suit for your cousin's wedding."

Greg's shoulders slumped. The only thing worse than shopping was going to a wedding. Dressing up. A long ceremony. Fancy food. Dancing.

"Can't I stay with Jeremy instead?" Greg was sure his best friend's parents wouldn't mind watching him.

Mom shook her head. "Our entire family was invited to this wedding, Greg. Now go put your dress shoes on so we can see how they look with a new suit."

Greg trudged to his room, knowing there was no way to avoid going.

What is Greg's perspective about going to his cousin's wedding?

- a. He loves going to weddings.
- b. He loves the fancy food at weddings.
- c. He thinks weddings are worse than shopping.
- d. He believes weddings are a fun way to spend a Saturday.

3 Character Perspective

"She's here!" Sami yelled. "Grandma is here!" She raced to the front door and ripped it open.

After greeting Grandma, Sami immediately grabbed all the bags out of her grandmother's car. She hauled them into the house and went directly to the kitchen. She'd spent the morning setting up the kitchen to bake Christmas cookies with Grandma.

"My," Grandma said now. "Someone's been busy already."

"I wanted us to be able to get right to the baking," Sami said.

Grandma rolled up her sleeves. "Well, let's not wait another second."

How do you know Sami has an eager perspective about baking cookies with Grandma?

- a. Sami races to the front door, grabs all the bags, and has the kitchen all set up.
- b. Sami ignores Grandma when she finally arrives.
- c. Sami is not prepared to bake cookies with Grandma.
- d. Sami says she doesn't like baking cookies.

4 Character Perspective

I'd been playing outside since the moment I came home from school today. We had a neighborhood game going. I hadn't wanted to come in. Finally, the sun set. The streetlights came on.

When I reached my bedroom, I groaned over all the books and papers that were in my backpack. Looking at it now, I knew it was going to take me forever to finish everything. Then I remembered something my sister told me.

Take one step at a time.

I pulled out my math book and started there. By taking one step at a time, I cruised through my math homework. I dove into my science homework next. Before I knew it, I was done with everything. I even had time to play a video game before going to sleep.

What changes the main character's perspective about having so much homework?

- a. watching a TV show
- b. having dinner before doing the homework
- c. talking to her parents
- d. something the main character's sister said

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