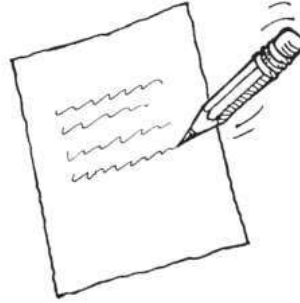


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# LAFF from "Best Shorts"



## Narrator Swap

When Angela is telling the story, she tells us exactly what she is seeing, feeling, or thinking. But because she is a character in the story, she does not necessarily know what the other characters see, feel, or think.

**Read page 513. Rewrite this part of the story as if Peter were telling the story. How would his thoughts or reactions be different from Angela's?**

I walked up behind Angela and, speaking in my best mad scientist voice, said, "I am Dr. Lu Manchú, the mad scientist." When Angela turned and looked at me, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Read page 515. Rewrite this part of the story as if Peter were telling the story. How would his thoughts or reactions be different from Angela's?**

I said, "Okay, Angela. I'll show you!" and stepped inside. I set the machine for June of next year. A few seconds later, I stepped out of the machine and went to the garden, where \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**What additional information about Peter's character, as well as the plot, did you include that was not in the original version?**

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**Read page 519. Rewrite this part of the story as if Angela's mother were telling the story. How would her thoughts or reactions be different from Angela's?**

I was in the kitchen making dinner, and Angela was upstairs taking a shower. Suddenly I turned and

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**Now, read page 520. Rewrite this part of the story as if it were told from Angela's mother's point of view.**

Then, Angela came down the stairs again, but this time she was in her bathrobe and she was wet! I told her I could not understand what was going on. Angela said,

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**Think about how the story structure is different when told from her mother's point of view. What information is now missing from the plot?**

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## Reference Materials

Dictionaries and glossaries contain the meanings of phrases as well as words. Use a print or digital dictionary to define the phrases in the box. Then complete each sentence with the phrase that matches the meaning in parentheses.

come through	come along	sign on	turn away	turn up
come by	sign off on	turn out	make up	turn down

1. They had to \_\_\_\_\_ many customers. (reject).
2. The supervisor will \_\_\_\_\_ the project when it is completed. (approve)
3. Angela wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ the prize at first. (refuse)
4. A good friend will \_\_\_\_\_ in times of trouble. (help)
5. Did Angela \_\_\_\_\_ the story of Peter's time machine, or did he really build one? (invent)
6. The workers were able to \_\_\_\_\_ the equipment that the group needed. (produce)
7. Peter's time machine was starting to \_\_\_\_\_ after a slow start. (progress)
8. Angela decided to \_\_\_\_\_ her focus on her school work. (increase)
9. Peter did \_\_\_\_\_ his idea for the time machine without any help. (get).
10. He will \_\_\_\_\_ with the company. (join).

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# More Words with *-ed* or *-ing*

**Basic** Write the Basic Word that best completes each group.

1. transferred, presented, \_\_\_\_\_
2. restated, retold, \_\_\_\_\_
3. linked, joined, \_\_\_\_\_
4. commented, mentioned, \_\_\_\_\_
5. exhausting, weakening, \_\_\_\_\_
6. enacting, presenting, \_\_\_\_\_
7. anticipated, awaited, \_\_\_\_\_
8. rehearsing, preparing, \_\_\_\_\_
9. funny, entertaining, \_\_\_\_\_
10. murmured, mumbled, \_\_\_\_\_
11. cold, icy, \_\_\_\_\_

**Challenge 12–14.** Write a short review of a school play that raised money for a charity. Use three of the Challenge Words. Write on a separate sheet of paper.

**Spelling Words**

1. tiring
2. borrowed
3. freezing
4. delivered
5. whispered
6. losing
7. decided
8. amazing
9. performing
10. resulting
11. related
12. attending
13. damaged
14. remarked
15. practicing
16. supported
17. united
18. expected
19. amusing
20. repeated

**Challenge**

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# Spelling Word Sort

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Write each Basic Word beside the correct heading.

<p><b>Adding -ed:</b> Final <i>e</i> dropped</p>	<p><b>Basic Words:</b></p> <p><b>Challenge Words:</b></p>
<p><b>Adding -ing:</b> Final <i>e</i> dropped</p>	<p><b>Basic Words:</b></p> <p><b>Challenge Words:</b></p> <p><b>Possible Selection Words:</b></p>
<p><b>Adding -ed: No spelling change</b></p>	<p><b>Basic Words:</b></p> <p><b>Challenge Words:</b></p>
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**Challenge** Add the Challenge Words to your Word Sort.

**Connect to Reading** Look through *LAFFF*. Find words that have *-ed* or *-ing*. Add them to your Word Sort.

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# Proofreading for Spelling

Find the misspelled words and circle them. Write them correctly on the lines below.

I remember the day I decided to join the Intergalactic Space Corps. True, I never expected that attending the training would be easy or amusing. But I never knew how tiring it would be practicing for the demands related to space travel. It helped that my parents repeated in their letters to me that they supported my decision. Knowing that I was united with my amazing new friends also helped. Before long, my fellow cadets and I were performing quite well. I even heard that an instructor remarked that our hard work was resulting in one of the best classes she'd seen in years!

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| 2. _____ | 9. _____  |
| 3. _____ | 10. _____ |
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| 7. _____ | 14. _____ |

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