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Grade 5
Narrative Task
Elvin's Point of View
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Today you will read a passage from “Lost and Found in the Black Hole.” As you read, pay close attention to the point of view of the characters as you answer the questions to prepare to write a narrative story.

Read the passage from “Lost and Found in the Black Hole.” Then answer the questions.

from “Lost and Found in the Black Hole”

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5. In the passage from “Lost and Found in the Black Hole,” Darin is always losing his things and depends on his friends Elvin and Carlton to find them.

Retell the passage from Elvin’s point of view using details of the events in the passage.

Anchor Set A1 – A8

With Annotations

One day I was just sitting on the playground bench. It was a hot day, and the sun was blazing down on me like a lazer. I was just about to walk home to get some nice cold ice cream to cool me off when my best friend, Darin, came running up to me.

"I need you guys to keep me from losing my things," He said to me as Carlton joined the conversation. "Can you follow me around?"

He's my best friend and all, but I really want this new skateboard I saw at the mall so need to spend more of my time finding a job. "Get lost," I said thinking to myself, bro, let's get you a job now, but as I was walking away, Darin grbbed me by my collar.

"I'll pay \$5 a week, each." he persuaded. Then I told myself, dude you don't really need a real job, do you? And besides, I was working for my best friend! How cool is that? No grumpy bosses or early morning shifts either.

"Were in!" Carlton and I say in sync. Our first job was to find Darin's missing socks. I found the first sock behind the batting cage. I looked over at Carlton who was still trying to find the other sock. I wanted to tease him but I didn't because I could've gotten fired or something.

When Carlton finally found the other sock I handed over mine and demanded a raise although, I did not get one. It was hard work searching for Darin's belongings in the blasting heat. I was so tired when I got home that I went straight to bed without any dinner or the ice cream I wanted so badly earlier.

During the course of the next few days, Darin's things kept on popping up. I was raking in a lot of cha-ching. every thing was going well until Friday. On Friday when Darin lost himself.

We were walking behind him after school and we sort of got distracted by the ice cream truck. You see, we just had to get a chocolae chip cookie ice cream sandwch so bad, and while we were deciding to get one of not, Darin slipped away.

We finally found him at my house afer 30 minutes of searching. When we found him, he was panting like a dog. After that day, Darin never hired us again, I think he said it was because he said he learned his lesson or something. I was kind of sad about that though, because I needed just \$10 before I could get my skateboard.

Annotation

Anchor Paper 1

Written Expression

Score Point 3

The response is effectively developed with narrative elements, such as description of scenes, objects and people. The response adds to the story's plot by establishing Elvin's original goals of the day: to fight off the heat with a refreshing ice cream, and to get a job so he can buy himself a new skateboard. The beginning of the story also establishes the setting (*One day I was just sitting on the playground bench*). The response is effectively organized with clear and coherent writing with the logical sequence of dialogue, thoughts and actions. Language clarifies Elvin's personality effectively (*. . . the sun was blazing down on me like a lazer I was working for my best friend! How cool is that? No grumpy bosses or early morning shifts either. . . . I was raking in a lot of cha-ching*).

"Hey Darin!" I said.

"Hi Elwin, Hi Carlton. Listen, I need your guys help. I keep losing my stuff and so I need you guys to follow me and help me find it," rambled Darin. I thought that was ridiculous. The guy should be able to take care of his own stuff.

"Get lost," I said jokingly.

I saw a look on Darin's face. Determination. He wasn't going to take no for an answer. Still, he needs to learn some responsibility and take care of his own stuff.

"I'll pay you five bucks," he said.

Well, I was trying to save up for a new cell phone, since mine had a crack on it. "Ok fine," I said. Carlton agreed as well.

"I need you to find my socks. They have my name on them," Darin told us.

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Seriously, socks! That is stupid. How does someone lose their socks? But I stayed true to my word and started to scout around for them. I looked in the trash cans and behind buildings. I decided to go look over by the bathing cages. As soon as I was in a 10 yard radius of the sock, I knew exactly where it was. It's streek was so intense, I thought it would burn the insides of my nostrils. I walked over, plugged my nose, and gingerly picked up the sock. I walked over and handed the thing to Darin.

"We deserve a raise," I said. Carlton found a sock underneath the drinking fountain. He tossed it to Darin and said,

"What else have you lost?" We followed Darin around for the next four days, finding a multitude of items.

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On Friday, as we were walking home, Darin asked us to keep our eyes on the ground, looking for his pet turtle. We did as Darin asked. As a result, we didn't notice when he made a wrong turn.

I looked up, after Carlton picked up Darin's turtle, since we had to cross another street. We looked around us, and turned on that street to see if Darin had turned by mistake, but he wasn't there either. We were only 2 minutes away from my house, so we decided to go ask my dad what to do. As we turned onto my street, we saw Darin walking toward us. He told us that he had turned on my street by accident and was heading back to find us.

"Wanna go watch TV?" I asked.

"Definitely" said Darin.

Annotation

Anchor Paper 2

Written Expression

Score Point 3

The response is an effectively developed story that is told from Elvin's point of view. Organization is logical, contributing to a clear and coherent narrative, although the ending is abrupt. Elvin's personality is effectively developed through competent use of concrete words and sensory details (*I saw a look on Darin's face. Determination. He wasn't going to take no for an answer. Still, he needs to learn some responsibility and take care of his own stuff. . . . Seriously, socks! . . . But I stayed true to my word and started to scout around for them. . . . As soon as I was in a 10 yard radius of the sock, I knew exactly where it was. It's reek was so intense, I thought it would burn the insides of my nostrils. I walked over, plugged my nose, and gingerly picked up the sock*).

I'm just walking down the street with my friend Carlton when our other friend Darin comes running up to us telling us he needs to keep him from losing things. Next, he's asking us to follow him around. I'm thinking "No way!" and before the words come out of my mouth, they're coming out of Carlton's mouth.

"Get lost," I say with a sarcastic voice.

"I'll pay you each \$5 a week," Darin says.

"We're in," Carlton and I say.

"Thanks," Darin says, "I lost my socks, they have my name on them. I need them back before I get home. Hurry!"

Carlton and I scrambled past the yard, searching everywhere. From trash bins to buildings until I finally found the first sock behind the batting cages. Carlton found the second one 45 feet away, under the water fountain.

"Here you go," Carlton says, wiping his sweaty forehead.

"I want a raise," I say holding out the disgustingly stinky sock.

On Tuesday, Carlton and I discover six items. Wednesday, we find seven, Thursday nine. The found pile rises as we find more and more things.

The sky becomes dark as Darin daydreams about his new success. Carlton and I are staring down at the sidewalk a few feet behind. As we walk down we *think* Darin is in front of us, so we walk and turn the correct way. Suddenly, we notice Darin isn't with us. He must be lost!

Carlton and I search the neighborhood. Finally we see Darin a few blocks down from us.

"There you are!" Carlton shouts, "We found You!"

As we walk into his house, his parents are saying things like, "We're so proud of you", and, "You haven't lost anything for so many weeks!"

Actually Darin doesn't lose anything for so long, he volunteers to help out at the lost & found. He helps Mr. Grabber sort the items and he even helps find their owners.

Annotation

Anchor Paper 3

Written Expression

Score Point 2

The response is told from Elvin's point of view and is developed with some narrative elements including establishing a situation and using dialogue. It is organized with mostly coherent writing which follows the sequence of the existing story. Elvin's personality is revealed only generally, as opposed to effectively, when such a large quantity of content is borrowed from the old story. Even so, language, where original, is very clear (*As we walk down we think Darin is in front of us, so we walk and turn the correct way. Suddenly, we notice Darin isn't with us. He must be lost!*).

I saw Darin looking for something at recess. He was on the grounds. After recess Darin told me that he was going to the "Lost & Found" again.

When he comes back he asks Carlton and I if we would be his people who find things he lost. Carlton asks if we get paid. Surprisingly he said yes. We get paid 5 dollars a week.

So, we found his socks, one near the bathing cage and the other 15 feet away at the fountain.

When

When we walked home from school Darin walked to far and he got lost, but he found his way home.

The End

Annotation

Anchor Paper 4

Written Expression

Score Point 2

The response is a story that is appropriately narrated by Elvin. Development is general, with a few details about the arrangement between the boys and finding the lost items. Linking words serve to organize the response (*After, When, So*). Language is mostly effective, and the writing is largely coherent despite a more basic conclusion.

i really need extra money for this! i say and i think taht this sock has been missing for a while. so i was walking home and i think that maybe darian walked the wrong way i was so scared because i know that he looses everything and tgat that is bad because he could get lost and then get even more lost. i went running but still no sign of darian. he than came running to our house. iwas so releaved i twas incredible

Annotation

Anchor Paper 5

Written Expression

Score Point 1

Although the response retells aspects of the story appropriately from Elvin's viewpoint, it is minimally developed with few narrative elements and is limited in its appropriateness to the task. It demonstrates limited organization and uses few linking words to advance the story. The somewhat general language begins to show the narrator's personality (*i was so scared . . . tgat is bad because he could get lost and then get even more lost . . . iwas so releaved i twas incredible*); however, this piece is limited in the development of the action and events.

ME AND CARLTON DIDN'T WANT TO HELP DARIN KEEP HIM FROM LOSING THINGS BUT WHEN HE SAID THAT HE WILL GIVE US 5 BUCKS EACH WEEK SO WE WERE IN AND FOUND HIS SOCKS AND WE FOUND MORE STUFF WE WERE LOOKING AT THE GROUND FOR MORE STUFF AND DARIN WENT AHEAD OF US AND WE COULDN'T FIND HIM SO WE WENT BACK TO MY HOUSE WE WAITED AND WAITED IN TILL WE SAW HIM AND WE TOOK HIM BACK TO HIS HOUSE.

Annotation**Anchor Paper 6****Written Expression****Score Point 1**

The response is narrated by Elvin, but it is minimally developed with few narrative elements. It demonstrates limited organization and uses language with limited clarity. Even though it establishes a situation and presents events in order, this one sentence response is limited in its appropriateness to the task and lacks description.

Get lost. We're in. I want a raise. We found you. That is everything Elvin said in the story.

Annotation**Anchor Paper 7****Written Expression****Score Point 0**

The undeveloped response consists of spliced dialogue attributed to Elvin in the old story. This shows no awareness of the narrative task.

The point of view of Darin losing things .The author says,"on tuesday,Calton and Elvin rescued six items.Wednesday they found seven ; Thursday , nine. Although the lost items were rising like a flood." this means to me that Darin lost lot of things .

Darin is lost the authors words," The clouds obliterated the sun. He felt as if he were falling through the black hole toward the center, past the horizon. This means to me that he was in stress.

In conclusion it is clear that Darin's point of view is that he is losing things lot of times and his friends help him find his things.

Annotation

Anchor Paper 8

Written Expression

Score Point 0

Although an attempt is made to organize the response with linking words (*In conclusion*) and to use language to express ideas with clarity (*this means to me*), it is inappropriate to the narrative task because it does not retell the passage from Elvin's point of view. The response attempts to discuss Darin's point of view.

Practice Set P101 - P105

No Annotations Included

There stood Darin going around looking for his things again. I dont know what it was but he was always loosing, and misplacing all his things. Suddenly he came up to me and asked me to follow hm around so he didnt loose things so easily. "Get lost ", I said sarcastically I didnt want to help him voluntatily there had to be some reward, but as soon as he said \$5.00 a week i was in. Knowing he had lost his socks I looked behind the batting cage, found a sock, and gladly gave it to him. I wanted a raise it was hard work and it made me sweat. My frend Carlton and I rescued item, after item, after item. On the way home we followed him home like eager bloodhounds on a scent. Suddenly I looked up and Darin wasnt there, Carlton and I desperstly started searching but we couldnt find him. Finally I had an idea we got his dad and told him he was lost. Then searching the whole nieghboorhood we finally found him, I was relieved.

I see his point of view he thinks all his stuff is just getting lost and he can't find it but it's really all getting sucked in a black hole

Lost and Found in the Black Hole Elvin stared at the black pavement. It was an hour long already, and he had found four of Darin's belongings already; not to say it was easy to do, but he was getting paid.

"Got another shoe!" Carlton screamed, throwing the black high tops at Darin. Darin caught it, and laughed. Elvin crawled around the sidewalk, and looked under a maple tree. There he found a book wedged between two branches. On the front, scrawled in red, was *Darin*. Elvin sighed and dragged himself toward Darin. Five things now, and he was tired. Elvin handed the book to Darin, and then sat down on the pavement. Meanwhile, Carlton found Darin the other shoe.

"Working for Darin is back-breaking work!" He called to Elvin. "That's why we're getting paid a whooping five bucks!" Darin's buck teeth showed as he scanned the school for anything else that he might've missed. Then, he made a decision.

"I'm goin' home now," Darin shouted to his two friends, then started making his way out of the school property. "And you guys better catch up!" Carlton quickly scrambled towards his boss, but Elvin slowly brushed the dust on his pants to the ground, then stood up. He jogged toward his pals, and started thinking. Why am I going slowly like this? I'm being paid a lot! Elvin wondered why Carlton was so quick on his feet. He started to hunting the ground again for any lost items. It was a tiring job.

It was Carlton who first noticed. "Darin's going the wrong way!" he had whispered. And yes, indeed, Darin was plondering on a different street. His eyes were glazed, and he was smiling widely. Elvin would never forget that creepy expression, and that gave him the urge to stop Carlton from saving Darin.

"Psst, yo Carl!" Elvin hissed. "Look! There's a doggy there. Yes on the other side of the street! Go and pet it!"

Carlton, an animal lover, blithly walked to his destination, while Elvin stared at Darin. First, Darin had the same expression glued smug on his face. A couple minutes later, he started to look confused. Elvin realized something odd about the way Darin looked: He looked scared; perhaps a little angry at himself for entering what seemed like an unfamaliar street, too. But most of all, he looked... lost. Yes. He was losing himself from himself.

How could some one do that? Lose themselves? Elvin wondered. He kept on watching Darin intently. You can do it! Elvin urged. You can find yourself again! Darin looked from side to side and then he closed his eyes. And he did it. Darin suddenly woke up from his panic with a jolt, and realized he was standing right in front of Elvin's front yard.

"Yesss!" Elvin screeched at the top of his lungs. He ran toward Darin and gave him a slap on the back. "Good job my buddy!" "I found you!" Carlton suddenly appeared from nowhere. "But sadly, not the dog." Elvin gulped.

Carlton and Elvin stared at the ground again, looking for any mislaid objects' of Darins. But Elvin knew Darin didn't need blood hounds to search for his belongings anymore. Sadly, But true; Darin had just lost, but found himself.

Its seems to me that Elvin's just helping Darin for his money because he asked for help then Elvin told him to get lost but then Darin sayed he will pay them to help and he sayed yes. Then they went to find Darin's sock's because he asked and when he got back Elvin asked for a raise.

At recess Darin told Carlton and I to help to keep him from losing things. "No way!" said Carlton. "Get lost," I said. There was no way I was going to waste my time following him around when I could be doing something else. Then, Darin said he'll pay us \$5 each. "We're in!" Carlton and I said. Now that was a good deal.

He told us both that he lost his socks that had his name on them. Carlton and I started the search. We searched for a while until I found one behind the batting cage. Right after that, Carlton found the other under the water fountain. The next day we found six, Wednesday we found seven, and Thursday we found nine. Carlton and I were sure doing a good job.

On Friday Carlton and I walked home with Darin and we were searching the ground. Darin was walking way off ahead. When we got to the corner of his street, he wasn't there. "He must've missed the turn for some reason," I said. We walked the next few blocks looking down every one of them. It wasn't until we got to the block that my house was on that we finally found Darin. "There you are! We found you!" Carlton shouted. We led him to his house searching the ground with every step. I finally got to go home.

Practice Set

(Order of Scores: Written Expression, Conventions)

Paper	Score
P101	2,2
P102	0,0
P103	3,3
P104	1,1
P105	2,3