

Point of View: My Family Reunion

Good readers use clues to determine the **point of view** of the text.

- A narrator can tell the story.
 - Key Words: he, she, it, they
 - Hint: the person telling the story is not in the story.
- A character can tell the story.
 - Key Words: I, me, we, us
 - Hint: the person telling the story is in the story.

Directions: Read the story below. Then answer the questions.

My Family Reunion

My sister, my parents, and I piled into the car. The luggage filled the trunk, and we were all smiles. We were headed to the airport to travel to Denver for our annual family reunion. This was the best weekend of the year for me because I got to see all of my cousins. We always had the best time together!

"I'm really concerned about the weather reports, honey," my mom said to my dad. "I'm not quite sure we are going to be able to fly out today. Nicholas and Vanessa, prepare yourselves. This trip may not happen."

The weather reports stated that there was a snow storm in the mountains of Colorado. If our flight was canceled, we would miss the family reunion and my heart would be broken. I wondered if the rest of the family would still have the reunion without us.

When we arrived at the airport, we looked at the monitors to see the status of our flight. We checked our luggage, went through security, and found our gate. As time went on, we noticed the flight kept getting delayed. We sat in the airport for hours as we waited for the flight.

Eventually, an announcement was made that the flight from Kansas City to Denver was canceled. My family reunion weekend was officially ruined. I dropped my head and felt tears forming in my eyes. I felt silly crying because I knew there would be another reunion next year. But I was just really looking forward to seeing my cousins.

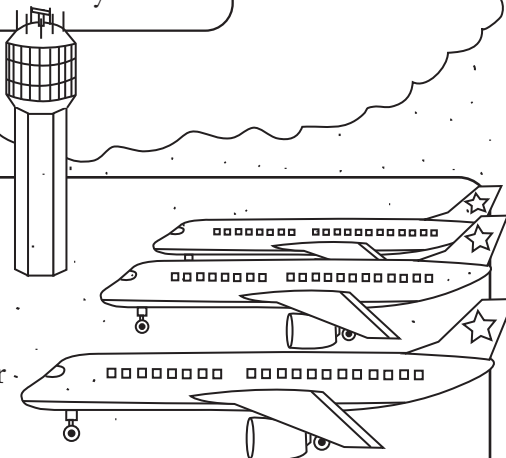
I was surprised to look over and see my sister smiling. She told me she wasn't that excited to go to the family reunion because she was missing her best friend's party. I didn't expect her to be grinning from ear to ear, though.

After my parents sorted out schedules, they informed my sister and me that we would not be able to get on another flight to Denver. All the flights into Denver were canceled. This meant that none of our family members would be attending the family reunion in Denver. I felt relief to know that the reunion would have to be rescheduled so all of us could attend.

The next week, my sister and I came home from school to find beach towels and sunglasses on our beds. We wondered why those items were there since we lived in Kansas City, and there was no beach in sight.

"Since Denver didn't work out for our family reunion trip," my dad stated, "how about we try this again? How does the beach in July sound?"

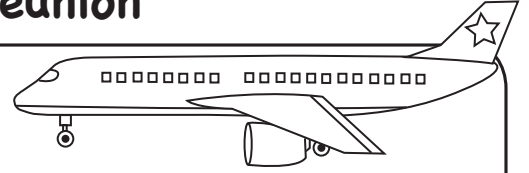
My sister and I hollered with excitement! This situation turned out to be better than I could have imagined.



Name: _____

Date: _____

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1. Who is telling the story?

How do you know?

2. What is Nicholas's opinion about having a cancelled flight?

3. How are Nicholas's and Vanessa's opinions about the cancelled flight different?

4. Rewrite a part of the story from the point of view of Vanessa.
