Writing Styles: Persuasive or Narrative

Worksheet 2

Read each short selection and decide whether it is persuasive or narrative. Write a P if it is Persuasive and N for Narrative.

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