

POV Practice

In each sentence below, the character named is not the viewpoint character. Rewrite the sentence to show what the POV character sees.

1. After finishing her conversation with her neighbor, Sarah came inside and slammed the front door with annoyance.
2. "I've got this." He scrutinized the bomb, wondering if he could really disarm it.
3. James went to the closet to get the broom.

For the following exercises, fix the issues from the viewpoint character.

1. Jack turned his back and grinned.
2. Her voice turned hard. "When did you find out?"
3. Children played and teachers stood near the building talking, but all she could see was Timmy running toward the street.
4. She combed her brown hair, then put her contacts in her blue eyes.

5. Even though he knew nothing about cars, he lifted the hood and fiddled with the battery cables. When that didn't work, he removed the radiator cap and checked the fluid level.
6. Barb stared at the splendor of the library. Why had she never been here before? The room with shelf after shelf of books drew her.

Write a short (2-3 sentence) description of a circus from each of the following viewpoints

1. A child
2. A weary mom with a baby and two other children
3. A clown

For each of the following sentences, correct the POV issue.

1. Thoughts of getting fired tormented her.
2. Kevin watched the women at the table beside him laugh and chat.
3. The fur felt soft and silky as she stroked the kitten.
4. "Don't you dare move," the kidnapper said and began to stand.

Fix the following POV issues

1. Tony answered the doorbell when it rang.
2. The principal's glare caused me to shift from one foot to the other.
3. She grabbed her keys to unlock the door and went inside.
4. Vicki set the keys on the table, and I immediately snatched them up.