Read a crafted voice

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Understand the idea

Read once for the main idea. Read again to find the detail or evidence needed for each answer.

Example: A question beginning Why needs a reason supported by the text.

Read the original blog extract and analyse language in relation to audience, form and purpose.

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"It is easy," the welcome sheet said. My hands disagreed. They were cold around a cup I did not want, and I had read the same line three times. Across the room, experienced volunteers seemed to move without ever needing to ask where things belonged. Then a woman beside the noticeboard said, "Would you help me sort these labels?" She did not ask me to be confident. She gave me a small task with a clear beginning. By the time we finished, the room had become less like an examination hall. A grand instruction had made me anxious; a practical question had made space for me.

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Try it yourself

1. Identify the text form, likely audience and one purpose.

2. Explain the contrast between "easy" and the physical detail of cold hands.

3. How does the direct quotation affect the account?

4. Write a 90-110 word analysis of the shift in the narrator's perspective.

Transform the form

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Plan before you begin

Check the audience, purpose and required length. Organise your ideas, write or speak, then check meaning and accuracy.
Example: A clear paragraph has one main idea with useful supporting detail.
Write a 150-180 word welcome email to first-time volunteers. Draw on relevant ideas in the blog but adapt the form and perspective. This is a shortened writing exercise.
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Try it yourself

1. Write your welcome email.