Compare two voices

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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 both original extracts. Identify context, audience, purpose and how a speaker or writer presents identity.
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TEXT A - welcome email

Welcome to our volunteer team. Please arrive at the main entrance at nine on Saturday. You will work with an experienced volunteer, who will explain each task before you begin. If you need a different role or have an access requirement, contact the coordinator in advance. We want you to feel comfortable asking questions.

TEXT B - personal blog

I nearly stayed at home. Everyone in the welcome photograph looked as if they already knew exactly what to do. At the entrance, I held my bag like a shield. Then a volunteer asked whether I would like to start by arranging books. A question was easier to answer than the confident person in the photograph was to become.
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Try it yourself

1. Identify the likely audience of Text A.

2. State one purpose of Text A.

3. Identify the viewpoint in Text B.

4. Explain the image "held my bag like a shield".

5. Compare how belonging is presented in the two texts.

Language, audience and identity

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Understand the idea

Read the whole sentence. Check who or what it is about, the time, and how the words fit together.
Example: She plays every day. Yesterday she played.
Use short quotations and precise terminology. Explain effects in context rather than listing devices.
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Try it yourself

1. Find a modal expression in Text A and explain its purpose.

2. How does second-person address work in Text A?

3. Explain how sentence length changes the pace in Text B.

4. Write a 90-110 word comparison of how the two extracts create different relationships with readers.