

Worksheet 1

The Stones

Who's Telling This Story?

*"Many men come to look for the treasure.
All they must do is answer the riddle and then choose."*

The story of *The Stones* is narrated using a literary device known as the **first person narrative voice** (also known as the **first person point of view**). This means that the main character, Lilly, narrates the events of the story through her eyes. Everything that occurs in the story is related to, known by and directly affects Lilly including how she is feeling about the other characters and why she makes the choices she makes as the events of the story unfold.

Task 1: Make use of the insights into Lilly's thoughts and feelings to answer the following questions:

- ◇ How does she feel about school?
- ◇ What does she enjoy doing in her free time?
- ◇ Describe her relationship with her father.
- ◇ Identify some of the positive aspects of her personality.
- ◇ Identify some of the negative aspects of her personality.

Task 2: Locate evidence from the story to identify whether the following statements about Lilly are **true** or **false**:

1. She is an irresponsible student.
2. She is non-judgmental.
3. She is inquisitive.
4. She is fashion conscious.
5. She is easily intimidated.
6. She is skeptical.

Extension Activities:

- What are some of the benefits of an author using a first person narrative voice? What are the limitations? What are the other types of narrative voices that authors use? What are the benefits and limitations of these types of narrative voices?
- Using the first person narrative voice, compose an imaginary text about meeting someone with a special quality or magical powers.
- Rewrite the story of *The Stones* from Myra's point of view.