

LESSON  
**47**

## RETEACHING WORKSHEET

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**Author's Perspective**

**Review** **Author's perspective** is the combination of ideas, values, feelings, and beliefs that influence the way a writer looks at a topic. One clue to an author's perspective is the **tone**, or attitude, conveyed in a work. The tone can be determined by noticing the kind of words the author uses to describe the subject.

**Directions:** First, **read** the boxed passage. Then, **place a check mark** in the blank next to the **best** answer for each question.

Many people are surprised to learn how effectively skunks reduce pest populations. A skunk's diet consists mostly of insects such as larval grubs, which can severely damage lawns. Besides naturally means of controlling soil insects, they consume other potential nuisances, including baby rats. Skunks are primarily nocturnal, and so eat mostly at night.

- Which word **best** describes the tone of this passage?
  - angry
  - admiring
  - critical
- Which sentence **best** describes the author's perspective on skunks?
  - Skunks have an extremely varied and interesting diet.
  - Skunks may benefit people by controlling pests.
  - Skunks are night pests that damage lawns.
- In which work will a writer most likely state his or her perspective directly?
  - newspaper editorial
  - lyric poem
  - short story
- Which is most likely to show bias?
  - a newspaper article
  - a history textbook
  - a persuasive essay
- What does an aggressive, argumentative tone suggest about an author's perspective?
  - The author cares passionately about the topic.
  - The author is afraid to state an opinion directly.
  - The author believes the opposite of what he or she is expressing.
- Which indicates that the writer is making an assumption?
  - The writer states his or her opinions strongly and directly.
  - The writer alludes to a historical figure without explaining who it is.
  - The writer uses formal, sophisticated vocabulary and sentence structure.