

An English Class Logic-Grid Puzzle

Read the scenario below about the logic-grid puzzle in Part A. Then use the clues to fill in the information on the grid. When you have done that, move on to Part B.

PART A

The Scenario

Three students—Fifi, Mimi, and Gigi—wrote one sentence each:

- The sentences were written in past tense, present tense, and present perfect tense.
- The sentences contained 7, 8, and 9 words.
- One was a simple sentence (with just an independent clause), another was a complex sentence (with independent and dependent clauses), and the third was a question.
- One sentence was written in first person (e.g., *I*, *we*), another in second person (e.g., *you*), and the other in third person (e.g., *they*, *it*).

Can you use the clues to determine the details of each student's sentence?

Student	Tense	Number of words	Simple, complex, or question?	Person (first, second, or third)
Fifi				
Mimi				
Gigi				

Clues

1. Fifi's sentence was the longest.
2. Gigi wrote neither the shortest sentence nor the sentence in present perfect tense.
3. Mimi did not use the past tense, and Fifi did not write a question.
4. Surprisingly, the complex sentence was not the longest; nor was it the shortest.
5. The question was not written in first person or second person.
6. The person who wrote the simple sentence was not the person who used the past tense.
7. Nobody wrote a question using the present perfect tense.
8. The complex sentence, the sentence in the present tense, and the sentence in first person were written by three different people.
9. The sentence using second person was not written in present tense.

PART B

Below, can you find the three sentences that the students wrote? Write the name of each student beside the sentence they wrote. (Three sentences below were not written by any of the students; do not write anything in the blanks for those sentences.)

- _____ A. Although you were tired, you played basketball well.
- _____ B. Did I tell you what happened to me last night?
- _____ C. Are the fish in the lake hungry?
- _____ D. When they came into the room, they were smiling.
- _____ E. You did a very good job on your science project.
- _____ F. I have finished all of my morning classes already.

Answers to *THE LIGHTER SIDE*

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Giği wrote sentence A, Mimi wrote sentence C, and Fifi wrote sentence F.

PART B

Student	Tense	Number of words	Simple, complex, or question?	Person (first, second, or third)
Fifi	present perfect	9	simple	first
Mimi	present	7	question	third
Giği	past	8	complex	second

PART A