

Answers to Mother Tongue language

1. The purpose is to show readers the different kind of English can express very difference opinions, and the “fractured” English can cause many inconveniences compared to the “standard” English.
2. The intended audience is the none-native English speakers.
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 - a. She used the dialogue in the story that she “speaks” as her mother as Mrs. Tan.
 - b. It is effective because the use of dialogue gives the story more details and make it more vivid.
 - c. I would recommend adding more because the proper use of dialogue can shorten the distance between writer and readers so that they want to keep reading.
4. I used to read a book which talks about the nature when I was in primary school. The book basically uses narrative for most of its chapters and what differs it from other similar topic book is that instead of simply showing you the knowledge like a textbook, it also depicts the scenery in the nature, like in a forest, or on a prairie. It makes everything comes to live immediately.
5. She was reluctant at first, this can be known from the two times she speaks for her mother when she was fifteen, she said she was “forced to ask”. And for now she is accepting her mother’s mother tongue because it means the original English description when she was a child so she is embracing it now, this can be known from the end part that she decided to rewrite her pieces for her mother to understand.
6. She accounts for these by speaks for her mother using “standard” and “well-educated” English to explain the information her mother could not express clearly and gain her mother some respect.
7. Because she realize that man Asian Americans are not good at literature comparing to the engineering and she enjoys the challenge of disproving assumptions about her.
8. Yes, because imagining a reader can help the writer to decide what type of audience the texts are trying to present and what kind of viewpoint the writer want to express. Tan’s reader is her mother.