

Exercise 2a: Perspectives

Instructions:

In this episode, the narrator addresses one or two of the central issues of this case. We might call this a topic, or a theme, to her story. She then tries to research this topic by interviewing people who knew Adnan and Hae, and by listening to some of the testimony.

1. Write down the one or two of the primary questions that Sarah is trying to answer:
2. While you're listening, take notes on each character's perspective on this central concern. Try to write down some exact quotes when you can.

The State:

Hae:

Aisha:

Becky:

Adnan:

Shamim (his mother):

Saad:

Jane Efron (his teacher):

Jay:

Donna Philips:

Sarah (the narrator):

3. Near the end of the episode, Sarah brings up a separate issue: Did Adnan try to give Hae a ride home? For each character who talks about this, evaluate their credibility on a score of 1-10 (how much do you trust them, and why or why not?) What do each of them say about this?

Jay

Credibility rating (1-10):

Why do you trust him (or not)?

What he said:

Adnan

Credibility rating (1-10):

Why do you trust him (or not)?

What he said:

Krista

Credibility rating (1-10):

Why do you trust her (or not)?

What she said:

Becky

Credibility rating (1-10):

Why do you trust her (or not)?

What she said:

Officer Adcock:

Credibility rating (1-10):

Why do you trust him (or not)?

What he said:

4. Based on the information you recorded in the question above, what's your conclusion? Do you think Adnan asked for a ride home? Why or why not? How important do you think this is?