Comprehension Skill: Author’s Viewpoint

Complete the following items as you work through the tutorial.

1. Part of being a thinking, feeling person is having opinions, or ________________, on topics you care about.

2. Sometimes an author has a particular viewpoint or ________________ for or against something.

3. When writing informational texts like Web sites and Web logs, authors might not always present the facts in an objective or ________________ way.

4. For example, authors might include information that ________________ their viewpoints while leaving out information that does not.

5. Sometimes authors state their viewpoints ________________; other times, readers have to figure out on their own what an author really thinks and feels, based on how the author presents the information.

6. One clue to an author’s viewpoint is figuring out the author’s ________________ for writing.

7. If an author is writing to persuade readers of something, the author will have a ________________ viewpoint or bias toward the topic.

Learning Objective:
• Recognize the author’s viewpoints and biases in informational texts, including web sites and web logs.
8. Since the Web site is advertising a ski resort, we can assume that the author was ______________ by the owners of the resort.

9. The author’s purpose is to ______________ or sell the resort to readers.

10. Several statements indicate the author’s ______________. There is definitely no ______________ information about the resort on this Web site; only the positive aspects of the resort are highlighted.

11. The author has written text that ______________ toward a positive view of the resort.

12. The Web log appears to be written by a ski buff, so we can assume that the author’s purpose is to ______________ at the resort with others.

13. The author made several ______________ statements about the resort; she also includes some negative comments.

14. So the author’s viewpoint appears to be more ______________ in the Web log than in the Web site.

15. We might infer that although the author of the Web log is quite positive about the resort, her ______________ or ______________ is that of an experienced skier.