

Point of View

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Vocabulary	
Speaker / Narrator	The character or voice that explains the story.
Perspective / Opinion	The way the author, the speaker, the characters, or the readers feel about something that happens in the story or real life.
Categorize	To put separate things based on rules or criteria.

Determining the Speaker

All stories are written by an author. The speaker in a story, however, can take many forms. They are:

The main character telling the story from their perspective. (First person)

A speaker making you the character by using the word "you". (Second person)

A speaker that describes what is happening in the story without being there. (Third person)

Speaker's Perspective

The speaker of a story has a point of view about the events of a story. You can determine it by thinking about the words they use when describing events or characters.

Look for opinion words!

Character's Perspective

All of the characters of a story can have different perspectives on things. It is important to consider their point of views.

- How do they feel about characters in a story?
- How do they feel about choices made in the story?
- How to they feel about events in the story?

Reader's Perspective

How do you feel about the events occurring in the story?

Speaker	Characters	Reader

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First Person	A story told through the eyes of the main character. Uses the word "I."
Second Person	A story told to the reader directly by the author or narrator. Uses the word "you."
Third Person	A story told through the eyes of a narrator that knows what all the characters do and think.

First Person



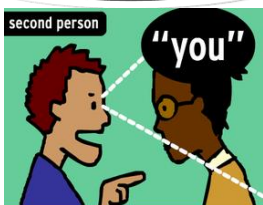
Example

I stood, watching my friends as they lined up behind me. I was always line leader because I was always the best behaved. "Okay, Sam," my teacher said. "Go ahead and lead us to the cafeteria."

Who is narrating?

How is this first person?

Second Person



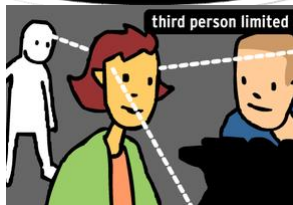
Example

The first thing you have to do is make sure to finish your homework every night. Next, take some time to read your story - out loud - to make sure that you are practicing those important reading skills. Finally, you need to get a good night's rest.

Who is narrating?

How is this second person?

Third Person



Example

James was so happy that all his friends came over. Lila was excited too. James had so many cool things at his house. She looked around and saw James playing with Mitch. "Hey guys! Can I play too?"

Who is narrating?

How is this third person?

Distinguishing Point of Views

It is important to be able to understand the differences in the point of views of the characters, the narrator, and you - the reader. Figuring these out will help you understand the story better.



How does Anna see the world?

How does Elsa see the world?

Ask Yourself Questions

These questions will help you understand the differences in the view points of you and the stories characters.

1. Who is narrating the story?

2. What are the characters doing?

3. Why are the characters doing it?

4. How do the characters feel about what is happening?

5. How do you feel about what is happening?