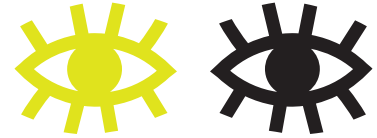


POINT OF VIEW



Every writer tells their story from a certain perspective, or point of view. Some stories are told from the perspective of a narrator who is part of the story, known as **first person point of view**.

Other stories are told from the perspective of a "narrator" who is not in the story at all, which is known as **third person point of view**. With this exercise, you'll learn about the difference between first person and third person, two of the most common points of view used in storytelling.

First Person

The narrator is a character in the story and often does not know what is going to happen next. They tell the story using the pronouns "I" and "me."

Example: Robert Louis Stevenson's *Treasure Island* is narrated by the protagonist Jim Hawkins: "I was laying the breakfast-table against the captain's return when the parlour door opened and a man stepped in on whom I had never set my eyes before."

Third Person

The narrator is not in the story, only tells what happens.

Example: In the story "Goldilocks and the Three Bears," all the characters are called "he," "she," or "it."

Note: When deciding if a story is first or third person, conversations in quotation marks don't count.

Part 1. Circle the correct point of view for each passage.

1. "I have never forgotten my mother's advice; I knew she was a wise old horse, and our master thought a great deal of her. Her name was Duchess, but he often called her Pet." — *Black Beauty*, by Anna Sewell

- a. first person b. third person

2. "These sounds made the little girl's heart beat fast, for she did not know what made them; but Toto knew, and he walked close to Dorothy's side, and did not even bark in return." — *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, by L. Frank Baum

- a. first person b. third person

3. "Tom and me found the money that the robbers hid in the cave, and it made us rich. We got six thousand dollars apiece—all gold." — *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, by Mark Twain

- a. first person b. third person

Part 2. Find the point of view terms in the word search puzzle below. *

NARRATOR	PERSON	CHARACTER
THIRD	POINT	WRITER
FIRST	VIEW	STORY



* Words can go across, up, down, diagonally, and backwards.

