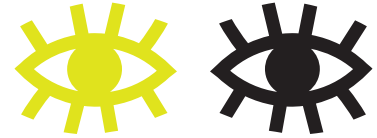


POINT OF VIEW



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.

- "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
- "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
- "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

C V I E W T X U N Y
 X H W Y H E T R A R
 R N A I X S I P R O
 C J R R B S Y H R T
 C D J Z A N U P A S
 W N Y V B C S R T P
 N O S R E P T C O O
 W R I T E R H E R I
 T S R I F E Z F R N
 X P E M X M C J O T

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

