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Practicing Point of View

A **pronoun** is a word that replaces a noun or noun phrase. These words help our writing sound smooth and less repetitive. They also tell what point of view a story is written from.

First Person Point of View <i>A character is telling the story. The character is in the story and is experiencing the action.</i>	Third Person Point of View <i>A narrator is telling the story. The narrator is <u>not</u> in the story, but is telling what is happening.</i>
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Below is one story, told from two different points of view.
Read each version of the story and answer the questions that follow.

The Birthday Surprise	
<p>All day I have been waiting for my mom to come home. Today is her <u>birthday</u> and I have a surprise for her! She works at the restaurant in town and when she gets home, she is always very <u>tired</u>. So I decided I would cook a very special birthday dinner just for her. I made feijoada, which is a stew with black beans, sausage, and pork. My grandma used to make it when my mom was growing up in Brazil. I also made her a chocolate cake with strawberries on top. I didn't have enough money to buy my mom a present, so I made her a card instead. I hope she likes it!</p> <p>1. Who is telling this story? a) a character b) a narrator</p> <p>2. What is the speaker's point of view? a) first person b) third person</p> <p>3. What pronouns did you see in the story that helped you determine the point of view? _____</p>	<p><u>Gabriela</u> taps her fingers on the table. She is waiting for her mother to return home from work. The warm smell of stew fills the house and a chocolate cake sits on the table. Gabriela looks out the window. Her mother should be home any minute. Gabriela is excited to surprise her mother with a home-cooked meal for her birthday. She knows how tired her mother is after work, so she hopes this special dinner will make her feel happy. Gabriela places a card on the table, next to the cake. It reads "Feliz Aniversário" and has a picture of a unicorn drawn in crayon on it.</p> <p>1. Who is telling this story? a) a character b) a narrator</p> <p>2. What is the speaker's point of view? a) first person b) third person</p> <p>3. What pronouns did you see in the story that helped you determine the point of view? _____</p>

☆ **Think about it!** How would this story be different if it were told from the mom's perspective? Use the underlined words from the stories above to complete this version of the story. Then, circle the pronouns that show point of view.

Today is my _____. I am _____ from working all day. But I am excited to see my daughter, _____, when I get home.