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Point of View - Lyrics

1st, 2nd and 3rd Person Narration

Every story has a narrator, and every narrator has a different point of view. Which point of view is yours? Let's go!

Everybody wants to know my point of view,

First person is me, second person is you.

Third person is he, third person is she,

Everybody wants to know my POV.

Knock knock, who's there? Narrator? Narrator who?

Narrator who's gonna tell a story from a point of view.

Every story's written in a certain voice,

When you're writing, you need to make a choice.

First, second or third person POV,

The first person is all about me,

Or we, like: We climbed up a tree,

And I closed my eyes and felt the breeze. I

might be unreliable if I don't tell the truth,

Now let's switch the point of view to you.

In the second person, You're in a taxi,

You're wondering how you got there exactly.

The third person is he or she,

He walked down the street, and he saw the queen,

She was dressed hip like it wasn't a thing,

That's the third person, take it from him. Third

person narration could be objective,

Omniscient or from a limited perspective.

Can the narrator see in everyone's thoughts,

Narrating omnisciently like a boss?

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Alright now check your notes,

Tell me which POV is in each quote:

I was born with water on the brain.

That's... First person!

He looked up into Father Wolf's face, and laughed.

That's... Third person!

We didn't always live on Mango Street.

That's... First person!

Sophie closed her eyes and lay quite still.

That's... Third person!

Your feet are now stuck in green slime.

That's... Second person!

In a hole in the ground there lived a hobbit.

That's... Third person!

It made me so sick I most fell out of the tree.

That's... First person!

You're thinking, this wasn't the way it was supposed to go.

That's... Second person!

My name is Katniss Everdeen. I am seventeen years old.

That's... First person!

**Everybody wants to know my point of view, First
person is me, second person is you.**

Third person is he, third person is she,

Everybody wants to know my POV.

Read each question and circle the correct answer. Find the answer in the text and underline and label with the number of the question.

1. The narrator is the _____.

- A. person telling the story
- B. main character in the story
- C. enemy of the main character in the story
- D. person listening to the story

2. Which kind of narration is used in the *Choose your own Adventure* series?

- A. first person
- B. second person
- C. third person, limited
- D. third person, omniscient

3. In what kind of narration does the reader learn every characters' thoughts?

- A. first person
- B. second person
- C. third person, limited
- D. third person, omniscient

4. *Stop doing that right now!* is a command. Commands are written in what point of view?

- A. first person
- B. second person
- C. third person, limited
- D. third person, omniscient

5. Read the sentence below and choose the point of view being used.

You should be sure to use the right exit when you leave the building.

- A. first person
- B. second person
- C. third person, limited
- D. third person, objective

6. *I didn't like creeping down the dark alley.* From what point of view is this sentence written?

- A. first person
- B. second person
- C. third person, omniscient
- D. third person, objective

7. Which point of view uses the pronoun you?

- A. first person
- B. second person
- C. third person, limited
- D. third person, omniscient

8. *The health fair will be held in the gymnasium on May 2.* From what point of view is the sentence written?

A. third person, omniscient

C. first person

B. third person, objective

D. second person

9. *We laughed so hard that milk came out of our noses.* From what point of view is the sentence written?

A. third person, omniscient

C. first person

B. third person, objective

D. second person

10. *Astrid hoped they would reach the shack before dark; Erin knew they wouldn't.* From what point of view is the sentence written?

A. first person

C. third person, limited

B. second person

D. third person, omniscient

WHO'S TELLING THE STORY?

Read the following story written in third person about a parrot (based on our song called "The Parrot"). Then complete the exercise below.

A beautiful parrot lived a carefree life in the jungle. She liked to listen to the humans talk, repeating what she heard. One day, an evil trapper named Bert heard her talking, and thought, "I'm going to trap this bird and sell her." He used a piece of delicious papaya to lure her. She wanted the fruit and came down to take a bite. She didn't see the trapper's net until it was too late!

Bert put the parrot in a cage. The parrot was very sad, and she tried using the words she learned to convince Bert to set her free: "Let me out," she said. But Bert would not set her free. Then she got an idea to chew on the lock of her cage. Just when she'd almost given up, she finally got the lock open. Bert grabbed his net and tried to catch her. But she squawked, "Bye, bye!" and soon she was free in the big blue sky.

Now rewrite the story in the first person. Choose either the parrot's point of view or Bert the trapper's.

Read over your writing. How does this new point of view change the story? _____
