



# Point of view: 1st, 2nd & 3rd person

## Grade 4 Reading Worksheet

**Who** is telling the story? Point of view is the perspective from which a story is told. Stories can have three different points of view:

First Person: The narrator talks about themselves.

Clues: "I" or "me" or "my"

Second Person: The narrator speaks directly to the reader.

Clues: "You" or "your"

Third Person: The narrator talks about other people.

Clues: "He" or "she" or "they"

**Read each passage and answer the questions.**

### Passage #1:

Carson dropped the capsule that his teacher gave him into the cup of warm water and then stepped back. He knew something was going to happen! Mia leaned in closer, excited to see if the water's color would change like the directions said. The teacher watched from her desk, making sure everyone was following the directions. The whole class let out a gasp when the water fizzled and then turned orange!



**This passage is written in \_\_\_\_\_ person.**

a. 1<sup>st</sup>

b. 2<sup>nd</sup>

c. 3<sup>rd</sup>

**What clues helped you figure this out?**

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### Passage #2:

You step onto the trail and zip up your coat. As you walk, you hear the leaves crunch under your boots. You look up and notice the sun shining through the trees. You stop to watch a squirrel scurry up the trunk of a pine tree. You take a long deep breath and think about how being in the forest makes you feel.



**This passage is written in \_\_\_\_\_ person.**

a. 1<sup>st</sup>

b. 2<sup>nd</sup>

c. 3<sup>rd</sup>

**What clues helped you figure this out?**

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**Because of how this passage is written, I can:**

- a. imagine that I am the person in the story.
- b. understand the perspective of everyone in the story.
- c. understand what the narrator is thinking and feeling.

### Passage #3:

I carefully pick up the flute and try to remember where my fingers are supposed to go. When I blow into it, it makes a loud high squeak. I'm surprised and I jump a little! I used to know how to play better than this. I take a deep breath and try again, slower this time... and the note sounds smooth to my ears.



**This passage is written in \_\_\_\_\_ person.**

a. 1<sup>st</sup>

b. 2<sup>nd</sup>

c. 3<sup>rd</sup>

**What clues helped you figure this out?**

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**If this passage was written in second person, how would it be different?**

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## Answers

Passage #1: c. 3<sup>rd</sup>

What clues helped you figure this out?

The narrator talks about other people and uses "he" and people's names.

Passage #2: b. 2<sup>nd</sup>

What clues helped you figure this out?

The narrator speaks directly to the reader and uses "you."

Because of how this passage is written, I can:

a. imagine that I am the person in the story.

Passage #3: a. 1<sup>st</sup>

What clues helped you figure this out?

The narrator speaks about themselves and uses "I" and "my."

If this passage was written in third person, what may you *not* have learned?

The narrator would use "you" instead of "I." You may know less about what the narrator is feeling.