



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:

Frankie kicked the soccer ball across the field, running with it and hoping to make the winning goal. On the bleachers, Mabel watched excitedly. She had friends on both teams and wanted both teams to win! Eli, the goalie, felt nervous as the ball got closer to him. He hoped he would be able to guess which way Frankie would kick the ball!



This passage is written in _____ person.

a. 1st

b. 2nd

c. 3rd

What clues helped you figure this out?



If the author of this passage wrote in first person, what might the reader *not* learn? Explain why.

Passage #2:

You pour the chocolate chips carefully into the bowl, and you watch as they fall onto the dough. Then you stir them, carefully at first so they don't spill out! You then use a tablespoon to place the dough onto cookie sheets, spaced apart so they have room to expand. You set the timer and put them in the oven. The air starts to smell sweet and you can't wait for your first bite!



This passage is written in _____ person.

a. 1st

b. 2nd

c. 3rd

What clues helped you figure this out?

If this passage was written in third person, what would be different?



Passage #3:

I stared at the massive pile of clothes on my bed and felt very overwhelmed. "How did it get this bad?" I thought to myself. I knew I had to start cleaning somewhere, so I picked up my shoes first and put them away. The more I cleaned, the better I felt. By the time I finished, I couldn't believe how much better my room looked. It took more than two hours, and I was proud of myself for all my hard work!



This passage is written in _____ person.

a. 1st

b. 2nd

c. 3rd

What clues helped you figure this out?

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



Answers

Passage #1: c. 3rd

What clues helped you figure this out?

The narrator talks about other people and uses "he" and "she."

If the author of this passage wrote in first person, what might the reader *not* learn? Explain why.

The reader might not have learned about all of the different people on the team, because the story would have focused on the narrator.

Passage #2: b. 2nd

What clues helped you figure this out?

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

If this passage was written in third person, what would be different?

The narrator would talk about other people and not use "you."

Passage #3: a. 1st

What clues helped you figure this out?

The narrator talks about themselves and uses "I," "myself," and "my."

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

You may not have learned so much about what the narrator was feeling and thinking.