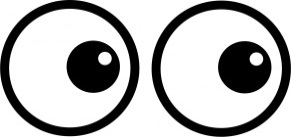
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**Point of View**

**Who is the narrator? Who is telling the story?**

“Point of view is the vantage point from which a story is told. It lets the author offer insights into characters. [Often the author is not the narrator.]

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| **Point of View** | **This POV uses pronouns like…** | **Characteristics** |
| **First Person** | * I * me, mine, my * we, our, and us. | * The narrator is one of the characters in the story. * Because the narrator is a character in the story, he/she may not be completely reliable.  * We only find out what this character thinks, knows, and witnesses. |
| **Second Person** | * you, your, and yours. | * Not common for narratives. * Usually used in items of personal address, such as a letter. |
| **Third Person**  **Objective** | * he, him, his * she, her, hers * its, they, them, and their. * The characters’ names. | * The narrator is an outsider and **NOT** a character in the story. * The narrator is an observer who can only tell what is said and done- he/she cannot see into the minds of any of the characters. * We only find out what this character does, says, knows, thinks and sees. |
| **Third Person**  **Limited** | * he, him, his * she, her, hers * its, they, them, and their. * The characters’ names. | * The narrator is an outsider and **NOT** a character in the story. * The narrator tells the story from the vantage point of **one** character- we can see into the mind of this character, but not any of the others. * We only find out what this character does, says, knows, thinks and sees. |
| **Third Person**  **Omniscient** | * he, him, his * she, her, hers, * its, they, them, and their. * The characters’ names. | * The narrator is an outsider and **NOT** a character in the story. * The narrator is **all-knowing** and reveals the thoughts and feelings of several characters. * The narrator reports what is said and done. * We find out what **all** of the characters do, feel, say, think, and see. |