

Point of View (POV)

First Person

One of the characters is telling the story

Me, We,
Our, I, My



Third Person

The author or narrator is telling the story

He, She,
They, Them,
Her, Him




Directions: Read the passage. Look for "POV Clues" such as pronouns and words/phrases of the narrator.

Remember: All stories have a narrator – someone telling the story. Our job as readers is to figure out who the narrator is (such as a character or the author).

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Hey, it's not my fault wolves eat cute little animals like bunnies and sheep and pigs. That's just the way we are. If cheeseburgers were cute, folks would probably think you were Big and Bad, too. But like I was saying, the whole Big Bad Wolf thing is all wrong. The real story is about a sneeze and a cup of sugar.

- from The True Story of the Three Little Pigs
by John Scieszka



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First Person Third Person

Give 3 **Pronoun Clues:**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.


Give two **words/phrases from the narrator** that helped you guess:

- 1.
- 2.

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Nick told her about the blackbirds, and Janet thought it was pretty interesting. Then she tried making a peep or two, and Janet's chirps were even higher and squeakier than Nick's. She promised to keep everything a secret.

- from Frinde
by Andrew Clements



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Mr. and Mrs. Brown had one child. They called him Leroy, and so did his teachers. Everyone else in Idaville called him Encyclopedia... Leroy Brown's head was like an encyclopedia. It was filled with facts he had learned from books. He was like a complete library walking around in sneakers. Old ladies who did crossword puzzles were always stopping him on the street to ask him questions.

- from Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective by Donald J. Sobol



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"We have something wonderful to tell you, Peter," Mom said before dinner. She was slicing carrots into the salad bowl. I grabbed one.

"What is it?" I asked. I figured maybe my father's been made president of the company. Or maybe my teacher phoned, saying that even though I don't get the best grades in the fifth grade, I am definitely the smartest kid in the class.

"We're going to have a baby, Mom said.

- from Superfudge by Judy Blume



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Reflect: What is something you will do as a reader to figure out the Point of View?
