

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. 1st

b. 2nd

c. 3rd

What clues helped you figure this out?

Answers

Passage #1: c. 3rd

What clues helped you figure this out?

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

Passage #2: b. 2nd

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. 1st

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.