

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:

Sophie took a step back from her painting at her school art show. She played with her hair and smiled nervously as people walked by and looked at what she had created.

"This girl is very talented," one man thought as he studied her creation.

"Does it have a name?" he asked Sophie. She smiled and admitted that she had not yet thought of one!

"Well, you'll have to come up with one," the man said. "A masterpiece like this deserves a title!"



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 first person, how would it be different?

Passage #2:

You climb up the ladder slowly, carefully placing your feet on each rung so you don't slip. When you reach the top, you gulp. Ahead of you is a long, twisting slide! You've never gone down something this big! You take a deep breath, sit down and push yourself off. As you spin around each curve, the wind pushes against your face. You smile. This is more fun than you thought it would be!



This passage is written in _____ person.

a. 1st

b. 2nd

c. 3rd

What clues helped you figure this out?

Pretend that the story instead started with this:

“Cara climbed up the ladder slowly, carefully placing her feet on each rung so she didn't slip.”

What would be the point of view of this story, and how would you know this?

Passage #3:

I hold a treat in my hand. "Sit, Freddy," I say to my new pup.

He wiggles and barks at first, but I stay patient and calm. I repeat the instructions and point to the ground. I'm not sure he understands what I'm saying, but he does finally plop down! I pet his head and give him his treat. I feel so proud... This is the first time I've taught an animal something!



This passage is written in _____ person.

- a. 1st
- b. 2nd
- c. 3rd

Because of how this passage is written, I can:

- a. understand how the narrator is feeling.
- b. understand the perspective of everyone in the story.
- c. learn more about all of the characters.

Rewrite this passage in third person. Add some new details!

Answers

Passage #1: c. 3rd

What clues helped you figure this out?

The narrator talks about other people and uses “she” and “he” as well as people's names.

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

The narrator would use “I.” The reader would learn more about what the narrator was thinking or feeling.

Passage #2: b. 2nd

What clues helped you figure this out?

The narrator speaks to you directly and uses “you.”

What would be the point of view of this story, and how would you know this?

This story would be written in third person, because the narrator is writing about other people.

Passage #3: a. 1st

What clues helped you figure this out?

The narrator uses “I.”

Because of how this passage is written, I can:

- a. understand how the narrator is feeling.

Rewrite this passage in third person. Add some new details!

Answers will vary, but here is an example: Maya held a treat in her hand and spoke to her new puppy. “Sit, Freddy,” she said in a calm voice. Freddy wiggled and barked at first, but Maya took a deep breath and stayed patient. She repeated the instructions and pointed to the ground in front of him. She wasn’t sure Freddy understood what she was saying, but he finally plopped down on the grass! Maya petted his head and gave him his treat as a reward. She felt proud. This was the first time she had taught an animal something!