

Point of view

Grade 5 Reading Worksheet

Point of view is the perspective from which a text is written. Texts can be written from 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" or people's names

Part 1: Quick practice

Read each sentence. Underline the clue words and identify the point of view.

1. You hear the train rumble as it passes by.

Point of view: _____

2. He watched as the owl flew silently through the dark forest.

Point of view: _____

3. I finished my homework before dinner.

Point of view: _____

4. She painted a colorful mural on the wall.

Point of view: _____

5. You reach for your jacket when the air turns cold.

Point of view: _____

6. I found a smooth stone near the river.

Point of view: _____



Part 2: Apply your skills

Read the two passages and underline the clue words. Then answer the questions.

Passage A

I still remember the first time I visited a rainforest. The air was warm and damp. I could hear birds singing high in the trees, and insects were buzzing. Tall trees stretched high above me. If I looked up, it was hard to see the sky because the trees formed a thick canopy that blocked out most of the sunlight. Even though it was the middle of the day, the forest was shaded beneath the trees.

I walked along a narrow path between the trees and noticed how many different plants were growing. Some plants had huge leaves, while others had small leaves and climbed up the sides of the trees. Vines twisted and wrapped around the trees' trunks and branches. The guide I was with explained that many plants wrap around trees like this so they can grow up and reach the sunlight!

During my walk, I spotted several different animals. I saw a neon green frog resting on a leaf and spotted a monkey swinging from branch to branch high above my head. My guide told me that the rainforest is home to more species of plants and animals than almost any other place on Earth. I remember feeling amazed by how much life existed in one space and lucky to be there to experience it.

By the end of the afternoon, I was both tired and excited about everything I had seen. Exploring the rainforest helped me understand how important it is to respect nature and take care of these environments. The rainforest is a beautiful, vibrant and magical place, and I hope it can stay this way forever.



Passage B

When you step into a rainforest, one of the first things you notice is the warm, humid air. You may feel moisture on your skin right away, and the sounds of animals seem to echo around you. Birds call from high above, insects buzz nearby and leaves rustle as animals move through the trees. The tall trees form a thick canopy overhead, which blocks much of the sunlight and creates a shaded environment below.

As you walk between the trees, you begin to notice the wide variety of plant life. You might see large leaves, climbing vines and plants growing on top of other plants. These adaptations help rainforest plants survive in an environment where sunlight is limited. In order to reach the light, many plants attach themselves to tall trees and grow upward.

If you look carefully, you will spot some of the animals that live in the rainforest. Brightly colored frogs, swinging monkeys and hidden insects are just a few examples. Many rainforest animals use camouflage to blend in with their surroundings, making them difficult to see. Others have bright colors that warn predators to stay away.

As you spend more time in the rainforest, you begin to understand the importance of this ecosystem. Rainforests help produce oxygen, support a wide variety of life and play a role in regulating Earth's climate. Exploring the rainforest can help you appreciate Earth's beauty and understand how all living things are connected!



1. What is the point of view of Passage A?

What words or features helped you determine the point of view?

2. What is the point of view of Passage B?

What words or features helped you determine the point of view?

3. How are the two passages **similar**?

4. How are the two passages **different**?

5. How does each point of view help the reader understand the topic?

Answers

Part 1: Quick practice

1. You hear the train rumble as it passes by.
Point of view: Second person
2. He watched as the owl flew silently through the dark forest.
Point of view: Third person
3. I finished my homework before dinner.
Point of view: First person
4. She painted a colorful mural on the wall.
Point of view: Third person
5. You reach for your jacket when the air turns cold.
Point of view: Second person
6. I found a smooth stone near the river.
Point of view: First person

Part 2: Apply your skills

Accept answers along the lines of:

1. First person
Passage A uses “I,” “me” and “my” and shares a personal experience.
2. Second person
Passage B uses “you” and “your” and speaks directly to the reader.
3. Both passages describe the rainforest and what it is like to explore it.
4. Passage A focuses on what one person saw and experienced in the rainforest, while Passage B provides information about rainforest plants, animals and adaptations.
5. First person helps the reader understand what it was like to visit the rainforest.
Second person helps the reader imagine exploring the rainforest themselves.