# 1st Person Point of View Definition

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First person point of view is used in:

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**Advantages of 1st Person Point of View**

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**Disadvantages of 1st Person Point of View**

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1st Person Point of View Definition

In the first person point of view, the narrator is one of the characters in the story. This character reveals personal thoughts and feelings of what s/he sees.

First person point of view uses the following pronouns to describe events:

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<td>I, we</td>
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First person point of view is used in:

**Fiction**
- stories
- novels

**Nonfiction**
- diaries
- autobiographies
- personal narratives
- interviews
- letters

### Advantages of 1st Person Point of View

First person point of view is similar to real life. In real life, we do not know what others are thinking.

The reader knows the thoughts of one character. This creates an intimacy.

Thoughts are expressed directly to the reader.

The reader gets an inside view of the character’s understanding of situations, thoughts, emotions, as well as motivation.

### Disadvantages of 1st Person Point of View

The reader is forced to hear the story through a person who may have biases. The character may have attitudes or opinions that the reader disagrees with.

When only one character is telling what is taking place, the reader understands the situation only as well as the character understands it. If the character doesn’t know the full story, neither does the reader.

The reader doesn’t know what is taking place in other locations.

“I” and ‘me” can become repetitious.

The reader may get tired of the same voice.
2nd Person Point of View Definition

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Advantages of 2nd Person Point of View

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2nd Person Point of View Definition

With the second-person point of view, the reader is addressed directly. When this occurs in a novel, the story is told as if the main character is someone similar to you.

Use the following pronouns with second person point of view:

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Second person point of view is used in:

**Fiction**
- choose-your-own-adventure books
- musical lyrics

**Nonfiction**
- guide books
- self-help books
- do-it-yourself manuals
- role-playing games
- gamebooks

Advantages of 2nd Person Point of View

- The reader feels more intimately connected to the story.
- The reader feels like s/he is participating in the story.

Disadvantages of 2nd Person Point of View

- At times addressing the reader as you is not applicable.
- When a full novel is written in second person, the reader can feel disconnected from the story.
3rd Person Point of View Definition

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Third person point of view is used in:

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Advantages of 3rd Person Point of View

Disadvantages of 3rd Person Point of View

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3rd Person Point of View Definition

In the third person point of view, the narrator is using a distant voice. The narrator is able to look at events taking place, but is not part of the story. The narrator describes the scene, characters, and actions as an observer looking in on the events.

When writing in the third-person point of view, you will use pronouns such as:

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Third person point of view is used in:

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- stories
- novels

**Nonfiction**
- reports
- research papers
- articles
- news reporting

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**Advantages of 3rd Person Point of View**

Especially when the third person omniscient point of view is used, the story/events are more objective, reliable, and trustworthy because the reader observes the thoughts and feelings of all the characters.

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**Disadvantages of 3rd Person Point of View**

In the third person limited, the reader is witnessing the story from the sidelines instead of participating. There is less intimacy between the reader and main character.

In third person omniscient, changing characters can be distracting to the reader.
Cut out the pocket on the bold lines. Next fold the left and right sides toward the back of the pocket on the dotted lines. Then fold the bottom flap up toward the back. Glue the flaps in place. Finally glue the pocket onto a page in your interactive notebook.

Instructions for Use

Select a card. Read the advertising slogan, and decide which point of view the slogan is written. Place the card in the correct pocket to indicate your answer.
Give me a break, give me a break; break me off a piece of that Kit Kat bar.

Kit Kat

Melts in your mouth, not in your hands.

M&Ms

The snack that smiles back.

Goldfish

It's my way.

Subway

Reach out and touch someone.

AT&T

You never get a second chance to make a first impression.

Head & Shoulders

When you care enough to send the very best.

Hallmark

Have it your way.

Burger King

Good to the last drop.

Maxwell House Coffee

I'm thinking Arby's.

Arby's

I want my MTV.

MTV

Where a kid can be a kid.

Chuck E. Cheese's

We do chicken right!

Kentucky Fried Chicken

Can you hear me now? Good.

Verizon Wireless

Fly the friendly skies.

United Airlines

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Plop, plop, fizz, fizz, oh what a relief it is. ‘Plink, plink, fizz, fizz.’
Alka Seltzer

Nothing runs like a Deere.
John Deere

Don’t leave home without it.
American Express

Because I’m worth it.
L’Oreal

Look, Ma, no cavities!
Crest

There are some things money can't buy. For everything else, there's MasterCard.
Mastercard

I liked it so much I bought the company.
Remington

Maybe she's born with it. Maybe it's Maybelline.
Maybelline

When it rains, it pours!
Morton Salt

It takes a licking and keeps on ticking.
Timex

Let your fingers do the walking.
Yellow Pages

I am what I am.
Reebok

Just Do It
Nike

Betcha can't eat just one.
Lays

America runs on Dunkin.
Dunkin’ Donuts

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*Paintbrushes & Arrows* is a wonderful book for teaching both point of view and perspective. Throughout the entire book, odd numbered chapters are told from Ah-kah’s perspective and even number chapters are told from Callie’s perspective. On top of this, Ah-kak’s chapters are told in third person point of view and Callie’s chapters are told in first person point of view.

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