What Is a Narrator?

Reading & Literature Worksheet

Distinguishing first-person, second-person, and third-person

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A **narrator** is the voice or character who tells a story to the reader. The narrator may be a character in the story or someone outside the story.

Three Common Points of View

First Person: The narrator is a character in the story and uses words such as **I, me, my, we,** and **our**.

Example: I walked into the classroom and noticed that everyone was staring at me.

Second Person: The narrator speaks directly to the reader and uses words such as **you** and **your**.

Example: You walk into the classroom and notice that everyone is staring at you.

Third Person: The narrator is outside the story and refers to characters using **he, she, they,** or character names.

Example: Marcus walked into the classroom and noticed that everyone was staring at him.

Part 1: Multiple Choice

1. What is a narrator?

A. The main character in every story
B. The person or voice that tells the story
C. The author of the story
D. The setting of the story

2. Which point of view uses words such as *I, me,* and *my*?

A. First person
B. Second person
C. Third person
D. Fourth person

3. Which point of view speaks directly to the reader?

A. First person
B. Second person
C. Third person
D. Omniscient

4. Which sentence is written in first-person point of view?

A. Sarah opened the door and looked outside.
B. You opened the door and looked outside.
C. I opened the door and looked outside.
D. They opened the door and looked outside.

5. Which sentence is written in third-person point of view?

A. I ran across the field.
B. You ran across the field.
C. We ran across the field.
D. James ran across the field.

6. A narrator who is also a character in the story is most likely using:

A. First-person point of view
B. Second-person point of view
C. Third-person point of view
D. No point of view

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7. Which pronoun is most commonly associated with second-person narration?

A. I
B. He
C. You
D. They

8. Who is NOT necessarily the narrator of a story?

A. A character
B. An outside storyteller
C. The author
D. A fictional voice

9. Read the sentence: "I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw the enormous dog running toward me."
What point of view is being used?

A. First person
B. Second person
C. Third person
D. None of these

10. Read the sentence: "You should always check the weather before leaving for a long trip."
What point of view is being used?

A. First person
B. Second person
C. Third person
D. Third-person limited

Part 2: Identify the Narrator's Point of View

Directions: Write **First Person**, **Second Person**, or **Third Person** on the line.

11. I carefully opened the old wooden box.

Answer: _____

12. Maria looked out the window and watched the rain fall.

Answer: _____

13. You should take your time when solving a difficult problem.

Answer: _____

14. We climbed the mountain before the sun came up.

Answer: _____

15. The children laughed as they chased one another around the playground.

Answer: _____

16. You enter the room and immediately notice that something is different.

Answer: _____

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Part 3: Who Is Telling the Story?

Directions: Read each passage.
Identify whether the narrator is **a character in the story** or **someone outside the story**.

17. I grabbed my backpack and hurried toward the bus. I knew I was going to be late.

Narrator: _____

18. Elena grabbed her backpack and hurried toward the bus. She knew she was going to be late.

Narrator: _____

19. You grab your backpack and hurry toward the bus. You know you are going to be late.

Narrator: _____

20. We opened the mysterious letter together and wondered who had sent it.

Narrator: _____

Part 4: Read and Analyze

Directions: Read the passage and answer the questions.

I stood at the edge of the diving board. My hands were shaking, and I could hear my friends cheering from below. I took a deep breath and looked at the water. I had practiced this jump for weeks, and now it was finally time. I closed my eyes and jumped.

21. What point of view is used in this passage?

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22. How do you know which point of view is being used?

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23. Is the narrator a character in the story or someone outside the story?

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24. What words help you identify the point of view?

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