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First vs. Third Person Narration

Both fiction and nonfiction can be written from various points of view.
The author's **point of view** is the voice of the person telling the story.

First Person Narration	Third Person Narration
When the story is being told from the point of view or perspective of a character who is in the story. Pronouns such as **I, me, we, us, my, our, myself, ourselves** show first person narration. Example: *I knew I was in trouble when I saw my mom's face.*	When the story is being told from someone else's point of view or perspective. Pronouns such as **he, she, her, him, it, they, them, their, themselves** show third person narration. Example: *Shannon knew she was in trouble when she saw her mom's face.*

Part 1: Read each sentence and circle if it is first or third person narration.

1. I swam as fast as I could. FIRST PERSON THIRD PERSON
2. Danyal and Martin couldn't believe their eyes. FIRST PERSON THIRD PERSON
3. Natalia Lafourcade is a Mexican pop singer. FIRST PERSON THIRD PERSON
4. By 1860, she had helped over 70 slaves and their families escape slavery. FIRST PERSON THIRD PERSON
5. The blue whale is the largest mammal. FIRST PERSON THIRD PERSON
6. We were so happy to spot a whale from the boat. FIRST PERSON THIRD PERSON
7. I was in the mood to take a walk. FIRST PERSON THIRD PERSON
8. The giraffe said to the frog, "Don't be sad!" FIRST PERSON THIRD PERSON

Part 2: Read each sentence and determine if it sounds like fiction writing, nonfiction writing, or both.

1. I swam as fast as I could. FICTION NONFICTION BOTH
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Part 3: Write the same sentence twice: once with first person narration and once with third person narration.
Tip: Look at the example at the top of the page!

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