

POINTS OF VIEW: FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD PERSON

First Person

If writing a story in the first person, write as though you are a character inside the story.

Describe how you feel and what you are doing or have done.

Use the pronoun 'I'

For example:

Last year, I went to Spain with my family. I loved it!

Other pronouns used in the first person:

my
me
mine
we
our
ours
us



Second Person

If writing in the second person, talk to the reader directly.

Use the pronoun 'you'.

The second person is used a lot non-fiction as well as in fiction texts.

For example:

Before you begin, make sure that you have all of the tools listed above.

Other pronouns used in the second person:

your
yours



Third Person

If you are writing in the third person, you write about other people or characters.

You use the character's name or pronouns such as 'he', 'she' and 'they'.

For example:

Michelle sped off at top speed and was soon in first place. She couldn't believe that she was going to win!

Other pronouns used in the third person:

her/hers
his
theirs



a) Sort the pronouns into the table below:

she	I	they	he	you	me	us
your	his	ours	mine	hers	theirs	we
first person pronouns		second person pronouns		third person pronouns		

b) Underline the pronouns use in the sentences below.

For example:

Peter was not afraid of heights. He was afraid of falling from heights.

1. Bring a wallet or purse - you are responsible for your own money.
2. Even though I knew it was safe, I was still too scared to walk into the room alone.
3. "Don't forget the chocolate!" I shouted to Dad.
4. Zara and her friends were giggling at the back of the classroom.
5. The girls danced their way excitedly from the classroom to the hall.



c) Say whether these sentences are in first, second or third person

1. Jasmine walked sluggishly home. She was tired and feeling sad that she hadn't been selected for the netball team.
2. I refused to move. It was my right of way and I was not going to let anyone tell me otherwise.
3. The boys looked at each other nervously; Harry was in big trouble!
4. Have you ever wondered what life would be like on Mars?

D) Rewrite the following sentences, changing them from third person to first person

1. Lily was busy tidying her room because her Mum said that it was messy.
2. Liv and her brother jumped into the sea. "It's freezing!" Liv screamed, as her whole body shook violently.
3. Mr Wood was the best, thought Sule as he walked out of his classroom. He couldn't wait for his next lesson with him.

4. Abou Bakr looked at his friend glumly. He had left his homework at home.

E) Write your own sentences

1. Write a sentence in the first person.
2. Write a sentence in the second person.
3. Write a sentence in the third person.