

# Author's Point of View

## First Person

A character within the story recounts his or her own experiences or impressions.

- Lets the reader know only what that character knows
- Uses the pronouns *I* and *we*

## Second Person

The story is told from the perspective of "you."

- Uncommon form of writing, sometimes used in poetry and interactive fiction
- Uses the pronoun *you*

## Third Person

### Objective

The narrator remains a detached observer, telling only the story's action and dialogue.

- Lets the reader know only what is seen and heard, not what characters think or feel
- Uses the pronouns *he*, *she*, *it*, and *they*

### Limited Omniscient

The narrator tells the story from the viewpoint of one character in the story.

- Lets the reader know what one character thinks, sees, knows, hears, and feels
- Uses the pronouns *he*, *she*, *it*, and *they*

### Omniscient

The narrator has unlimited knowledge and can describe every character's thoughts and interpret their behaviors.

- Lets the reader know unlimited information about the characters
- Uses the pronouns *he*, *she*, *it*, and *they*