



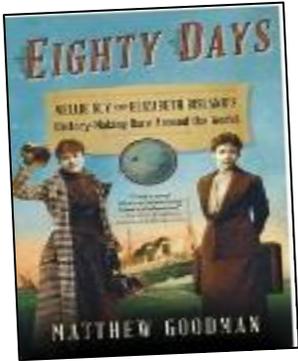
Walking the Amazon

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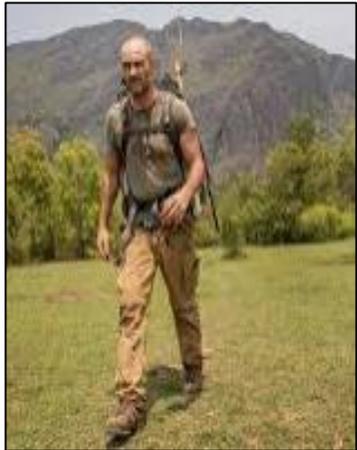


Last week, we found out some interesting facts about the Amazon Rainforest:

- What is the Amazon Rainforest?
- Where is it in the world?
- What types of animals and plants inhabit the forest?
- Why is the rainforest important to the planet?



We reflected on diary entries we have written before, like **Ernest Shackleton** and **Nellie Bly**.



We also found out about **Ed Stafford** and why he deserved a place in the Guinness Book of World Records. Can you remember what he did?

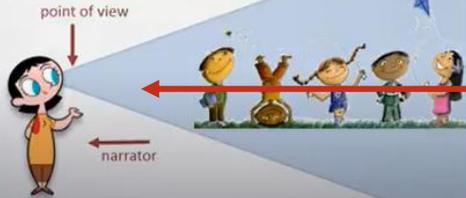
In two weeks time, you will be writing a diary extract of a trip through the Amazon Rainforest. Your diary must be written using these features:

- **First person** - when the writer speaks about himself (I, my, me, us, we)
- Past tense - the event has already taken place
- Chronological order - dates/times
- Expanded noun phrases - adjectives
- Thoughts and feelings - emotions/ 5 senses
- Time connectives - next, after, later, before
- _____

Today, we will be focusing on the use of **FIRST PERSON.**

What is Point of View?

Point of view is the perspective (or eyes) a story is told from.



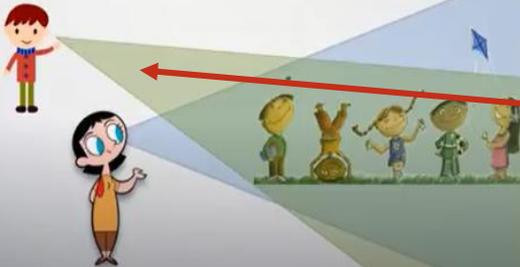
First person is the narrator. He or she tells the story.

The point in blue is everything that the **narrator** sees. She is looking at a group of children playing.

1st Person

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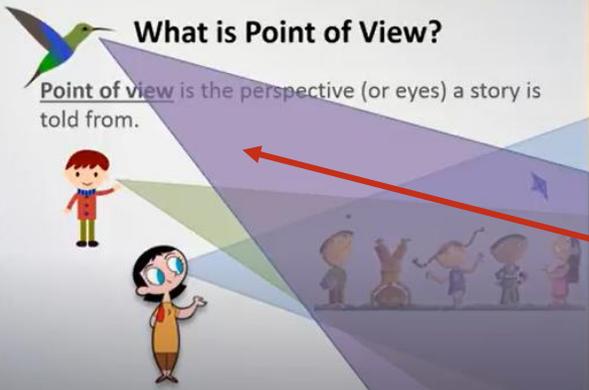


Here, you can see a **boy**. The boy wants to play with the children. He can see the woman but his point of view is different to the narrator.

2nd Person

What is Point of View?

Point of view is the perspective (or eyes) a story is told from.



Here is a bird. Even though the bird is looking at the same group of children, it sees it from a different point of view.

3rd person

First Person POV

Uses pronouns **I**, **my**, **we**, **our**, **me**, and **us**

The narrator speaks about himself or herself.

The narrator is usually also the main character.

I was sad. **I** felt nervous.



First person **point of view (POV)**

When writing in the first person, we use these pronouns.

The narrator is the writer.

The narrator is the **main person** and is often the only person mentioned in the diary.

Here is an example of first person. **What do you notice?**

Do you know how the boy is feeling?

I was sad. **I** felt nervous. **I** didn't want to tell **my** mom that **I** broke the window in **my** room.

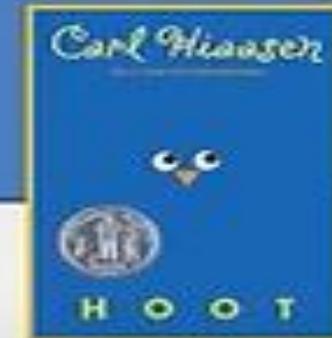


What point of view is being used in the text below?

Practice (#1)

Being the new kid, Roy always sat alone, at the end of the table, whenever he was in the cafeteria. Roy was an old pro at being the new kid; Trace Middle was the sixth school he had attended since he'd started going to school. Coconut Cove was the tenth town his family had lived in since Roy could remember.

Hoot, Chapter One,
by Carl Hiaasen



1. The point of view is _____.
 - a. first person
 - b. second person
 - c. third person
2. How do you know?



Practice (#2)

Well, what are you waiting for? Stretch your legs, go ahead and put your feet on a cushion, on two cushions, on the arms of a sofa, on the wings of the chair... Take your shoes off first. If you want to, put your feet up; if not, put them back.

If On a Winter's Night a Traveller, Chapter One,
by Italo Calvino



1. The point of view is _____.
 - a. first person
 - b. second person
 - c. third person
2. How do you know?

Re-write all sentences using the first person. One has been done for you. Copy them into your writing book and send them to me for feedback.

1. I was feeling hungry, so I ate a juicy, red apple. ✓
2. He was feeling tired, so he went to bed.
3. We must hurry or Asda will be closed!
4. Our shoes were wet from the heavy rain.
5. They felt excited because their favourite cricketer had scored the winning runs.
6. "Are we there yet?", they asked in annoyance.
7. The game was about to start, so they sat down in their seats.
8. Her shoes were tight, so her mum took her to the shops.
9. His coat wasn't on his hook and it was already snowing outside.