

## LESSON

## 10

## Point of View

**WORDS  
TO KNOW**

**Point of view** the perspective from which a story is told. A story that uses the first-person point of view is told by a character in the story. A story that uses the third-person point of view is told by a narrator who is not part of the story.

**Review It!**

Read this sentence. Use the Hint to help you figure out the point of view.

At the amusement park, I went on the roller-coaster, but my little brother was afraid to go with me.

**Hint** A first-person point of view uses the words *I*, *me*, and *we*. A third-person point of view uses the words *he*, *she*, and *they*.

**Try It!**

Read this passage. As you read, underline words that signal the point of view from which the story is told.

- 1 It was the night before the sixth-grade trip to the city, and none of the kids could sleep. We were all really excited. I had been raising money for our trip all year, and the big day had finally arrived.
- 2 When Ms. Olivera had asked for assistance in organizing the outing, my mom said she'd make some of the arrangements. My dad had been to the city many times, so he suggested some interesting and unusual places to visit. Other parents volunteered to accompany the class. The parents would make sure that the kids stayed together and that no one got lost.
- 3 The next morning, the sun was shining brightly and a gentle breeze was blowing as the bus arrived at school. "What a great day for a trip," I exclaimed. "We're going to have a fabulous time."

Now, use the passage to answer the questions on the following page.

1. This passage is written from which point of view?
  - A. first person
  - B. second person
  - C. third person
  - D. fourth person
  
2. In paragraph 1, which words are signals that help you figure out the point of view?
  - A. were, been
  - B. all, for
  - C. excited, money
  - D. I, we
  
3. In paragraph 1, the word “I” helps you to understand that
  - A. the story is being told by someone who is not in the story
  - B. the story is being told by an animal with human characteristics
  - C. the story is being told in the first-person point of view
  - D. the story is being told in the third-person point of view
  
4. Which phrase in paragraph 2 helps you figure out the point of view?
  - A. “... accompany the class.”
  - B. “... my mom ...”
  - C. “Other parents ...”
  - D. “... no one got lost.”

**In Your Own Words**

5. Rewrite the last two sentences of the passage from a third-person point of view.

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2.

Which words give you a hint about whether or not the narrator is a character in the story?

3.

What do you know about the word “I” that helps you determine the point of view?

5.

Which words do you use to tell a story from the third-person point of view?