Who's Telling?

Sort story sentences by who tells them.

3.RL.6 "Identify the point of view in a text and distinguish the student's perspective from that of the narrator or characters."

NAME _____ DATE _____

IN THE STORY

The narrator is a character in the story. Look for words like I and my.

I tucked a moonstone into my pocket.

OUTSIDE THE STORY

The narrator tells about other characters. Look for a character's name or words like he, she, and they.

Mila folded a paper crane.

1 SORT

8 items

Read each story sentence and circle FIRST if the narrator is in the story or THIRD if the narrator tells about others.

1.	I thought the old tree looked spooky.	FIRST THIRD
2.	I saved the last berry for my brother.	FIRST THIRD
3.	Jada waited by the gate for her dog.	FIRST THIRD
4.	I smiled when the class chose my song.	FIRST THIRD
5.	The fox watched a leaf float down the stream.	FIRST THIRD
6.	Ben wished the game would last longer.	FIRST THIRD
7.	I carried a tiny shell home from the beach.	FIRST THIRD
8.	I wondered if the bridge would hold.	FIRST THIRD

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

PROVE IT: Pick one FIRST item and one THIRD item, and explain how you knew where each belonged. MAKE YOUR OWN: Write one new story sentence for FIRST and one for THIRD.

FIRST _____

THIRD _____

CHALLENGE

Read item 1 again. Write one sentence telling what the narrator thinks about the tree, then one sentence telling whether you agree or disagree and why.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 3 · 3.RL.6

PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	I thought the old tree looked spooky.	**FIRST**	The narrator says I and shares their own thought.
2	I saved the last berry for my brother.	**FIRST**	The narrator says I and my.
3	Jada waited by the gate for her dog.	**THIRD**	The narrator tells what Jada did.
4	I smiled when the class chose my song.	**FIRST**	The narrator says I and my.
5	The fox watched a leaf float down the stream.	**THIRD**	The narrator tells what the fox did.
6	Ben wished the game would last longer.	**THIRD**	The narrator tells what Ben wished.
7	I carried a tiny shell home from the beach.	**FIRST**	The narrator says I.
8	I wondered if the bridge would hold.	**FIRST**	The narrator says I and shares their own thought.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **FIRST**: I climbed the hill to see the sunrise.
- **THIRD**: Tara searched the garden for her lost mitten.

Challenge: The narrator thinks the old tree looks spooky. I disagree because old trees look peaceful to me.

For PROVE IT, look for an explanation that points to I or my in a FIRST item and a named character or third-person word in a THIRD item. Accept different opinions in the challenge if the student correctly states the narrator's thought and explains their own view.