

Who Tells This?

Use narrator clues to identify point of view.

3.10.E “identify the use of literary devices, including first- or third-person point of view;”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each use of “I” or “my” in paragraph 1. Circle each use of “Maya,” “she,” “he,” or “her” in paragraphs 2 and 3 to show clues about who tells the story.

A Seed's First Week

- ① I carried a small bean seed to the school garden. My class had cleared a patch of dark soil beside the fence. I pressed the seed into a hole and covered it gently. “I hope you grow tall,” I whispered. A robin hopped near my shoe, as if it wanted to help. Then I poured water from the green can.
- ② Across the path, Mr. Lee watched Maya work. She held the watering can with both hands and smiled at the wet soil. When a gust of wind bent the tall sunflowers, Maya quickly set a flat stone beside her new plant. The teacher nodded. He knew the stone would help people see the tiny spot and keep their feet away from it.
- ③ One week later, Maya hurried to the garden before recess. A green curl pushed through the soil. She called to her friends, who crowded around the little bean plant. Maya smiled at the stone beside it. The robin landed on the fence and sang. Maya could not know why it sang, but she liked to imagine it was cheering for the new plant.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What point of view is used in paragraph 1? Write two words that prove your answer.

2 What point of view is used in paragraph 2? How do you know?

3 Which paragraphs are told in third person?

4 How is the narrator in paragraph 1 different from the narrator in paragraph 3?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Choose a simple moment, such as flying a kite or walking a dog. Write two sentences about it in first person, then rewrite the same moment in two sentences in third person.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each use of "I" or "my" in paragraph 1. Circle each use of "Maya," "she," "he," or "her" in paragraphs 2 and 3 to show clues about who tells the story. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What point of view is used in paragraph 1? Write two words that prove your answer.	First person. The words "I" and "my" prove it.
2	What point of view is used in paragraph 2? How do you know?	Third person. The narrator calls the character "Maya" and uses "she" and "he."
3	Which paragraphs are told in third person?	Paragraphs 2 and 3.
4	How is the narrator in paragraph 1 different from the narrator in paragraph 3?	In paragraph 1, a character tells about her own actions using "I." In paragraph 3, an outside narrator tells about Maya using "Maya" and "she."

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

First person: I ran across the field as my kite dipped low. I pulled the string, and the kite rose over the trees. Third person: Jon ran across the field as his kite dipped low. He pulled the string, and the kite rose over the trees.

Accept first-person responses that use words such as "I," "me," or "my," and third-person responses that use a character's name or words such as "he," "she," "they," "his," or "her." The two versions in Part 3 should describe the same event while changing the point of view.