Point of View (Part 1) – First, Second, and Third Person

Video Notes

Part A. What is a Point of View?  Write the answer to each question.

a. Point of view is: _____________________________________________________.
b. Point of view includes everything that the ___________________________ sees.

Part B. Types of Point of View.  Complete words of each narrator. Then, label the point of view.

Narrator #1
_______ Person Point of View

Narrator #2
_______ Person Point of View

Narrator #3
_______ Person Point of View

Summary Table. Fill in the correct information.

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<th>First Person POV</th>
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<td>Uses pronouns _____, _____, _____, _____, and _____</td>
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<td>The narrator speaks about ________ or ________</td>
<td>The narrator speaks directly to ________</td>
<td>The narrator ___________ the story but is not ________</td>
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<td>The narrator is usually also the ________</td>
<td>Rarely used</td>
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<td>_______ was sad. _____ felt nervous.</td>
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<td>Most stories use this point of view.</td>
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Practice Questions

Practice #1  Read this paragraph. Then, answer the question.

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  Read this paragraph. Then, answer the question.

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 Traveler_, 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?
Practice #3  Read this paragraph. Then, answer the question.

I wanted to tell her that I was happy with how I lived. My actions didn’t affect or hurt anyone around me, and I was free in a way she could never understand. But I was beginning to doubt this myself...

When our time was up, I shook Dr. Redfield’s hand, promising to keep my appointment next month.

_The Girl with No Past_, Chapter Four,
by Kathryn Croft

1. The point of view is __________________.
   a. first person
   b. second person
   c. third person

2. How do you know?

Practice #4  Read this paragraph. Then, answer the question.

The two little owls looked at each other and moved their beaks, turning the sound of their numbers into something that might pass for a name—any name but their own. And now, tonight, they would try the second part of their strategy for the first time.

_Guardians of Ga’Hoole_, Chapter Eleven,
by Kathryn Lasky

1. The point of view is __________________.
   a. first person
   b. second person
   c. third person

2. How do you know?