

Narrator's Perspective

Point of View



Narrator

The one who tells the **story**

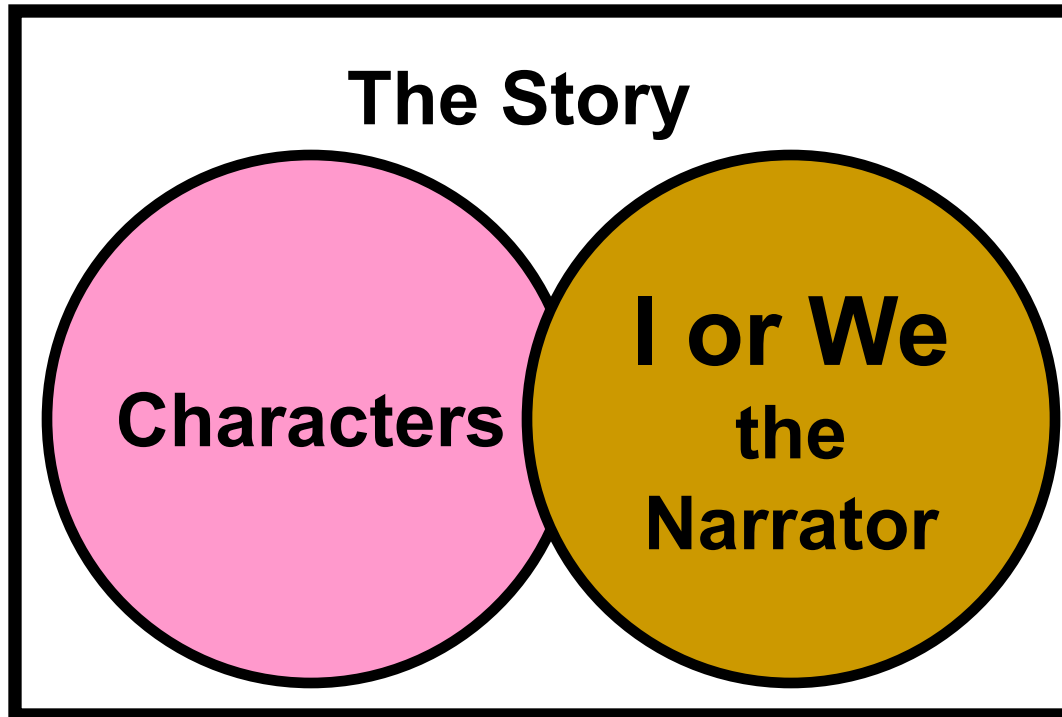
Characters

Everyone else in the **story**

What's the **narrator's position** in the story?

Or, what is the **narrator's POINT OF VIEW.**

First-Person Narration



The narrator is involved in the story.

First-Person tells “me” or “my” story.

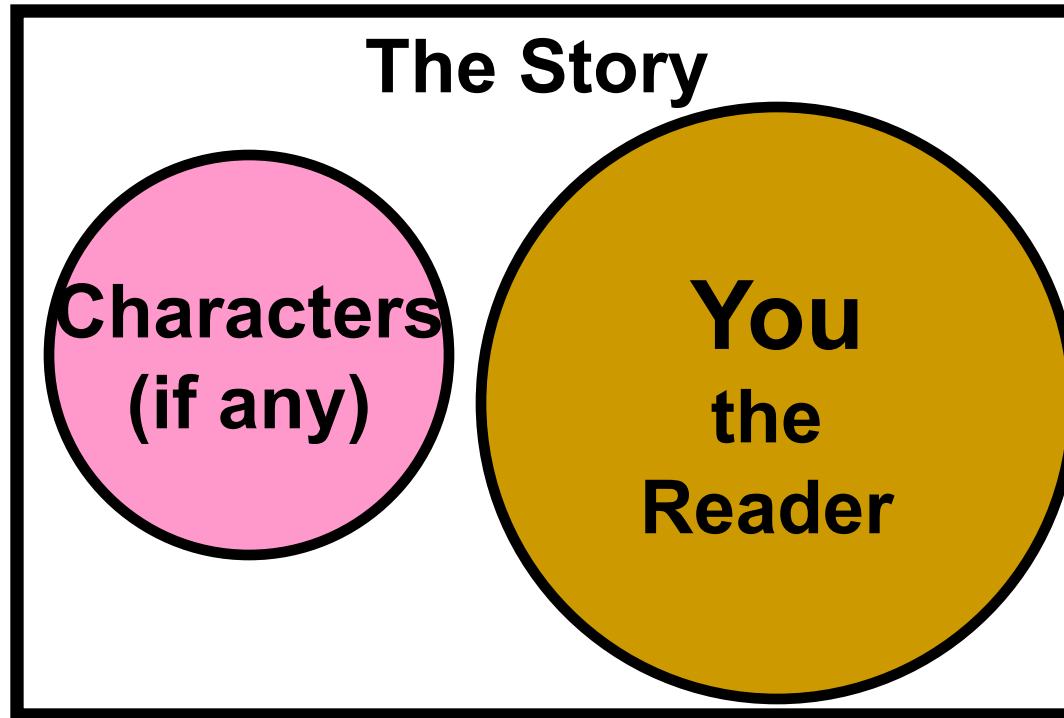
Example

*I went to the store with my friend. The clerk said, “Hi.” **We** bought candy and left.*

Who is telling the story?

In **First**-Person the narrator is “I” or “we.”

Second-Person Narration



The reader's actions are narrated.

Second-Person tells “your” story.

Example

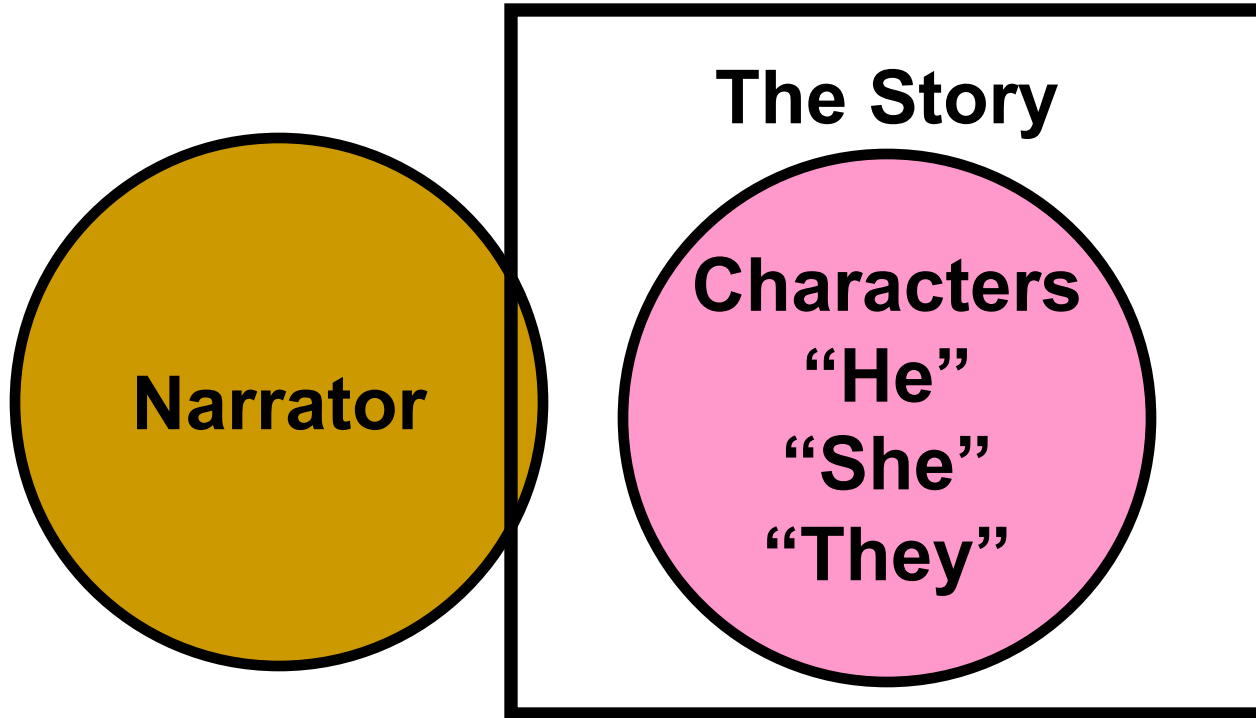
***You** stayed up late last night and now **you’re** tired, but **you** need to pass this class.*

From whose perspective is the story told?

In **Second**-Person the perspective of “**you**” is narrated.

It is mainly used for instruction or directions.

Third-Person Narration



The narrator is outside of the story.

Third-Person tells “his” or “her” story.

Also will refer to characters by name

Example

***Chris** loved basketball. Everyday **he** played after school. When it got dark, **he** watched it on TV.*

From whose perspective is the story told?

In **Third-Person** the perspective of “**he**” or “**she**” is narrated.

Dialogue & Narration

Dialogue = When characters speak.

Narration = When the narrator speaks.

I went home. My mom said, “Did you get out early?” I said, “No.”

ONLY LOOK AT THE NARRATION,

Or you’ll get confused.

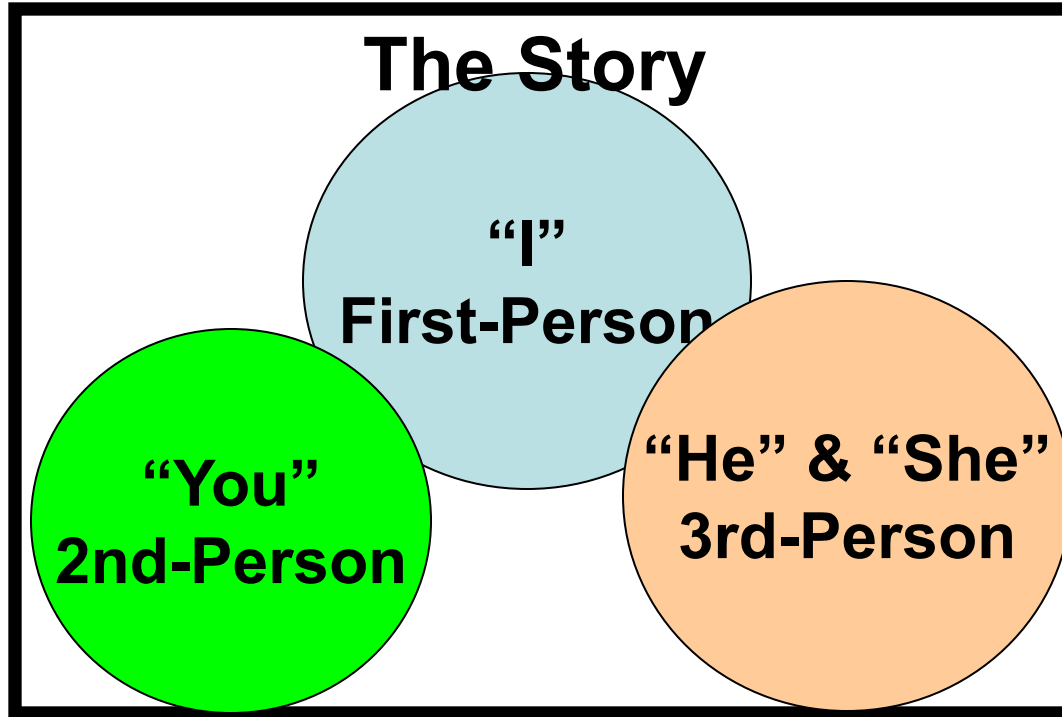
Review

1st Person = Narrator tells the story of “I”

2nd Person = Narrator tells the story of “you”

3rd Person = Tells the story of “he” or “she”

Remember!



“I” am the **first-person** in the story.

“You” are the **second-person**.

“He” and **“she”** are the **third**.

Practice

I will read ten paragraphs from ten books.

You will determine whether the narrator's perspective is first, second, or third-person in each text.

Write your answers on a separate sheet of paper.