

11**Narrator and Third Person
Points of View**

Review: In stories told with **first-person point of view**, the **narrator** is a character in the story. The narrator also uses the pronouns *I* and *me*. In the **third-person point of view**, the story is told through a narrator outside the action. **Limited third-person** narrators know the inner thoughts and feelings of one character only. **Omniscient third-person** narrators know everyone’s thoughts and feelings in the story.

A. Directions: Read each definition. Fill in the blank with a word to complete the definition.

1. When the narrator is able to know into the mind of only a single character, the story is being told from the _____ point of view.
2. When the narrator knows everything—thoughts, feelings, actions—about all the characters, the story is being told from the _____ point of view.

B. Directions: Read each passage. Circle the correct point of view.

3. Timothy’s childhood interest in snakes and lizards never faded. As he read more about reptiles, his fascination only grew. At first, his parents were happy that Tim had a “scientific” hobby. Later, they grew uncomfortable with so many snakes in the house.
a. third person omniscient **b.** third person limited
4. Aunt Yu-wei had done well in high school, even won a college scholarship. Why she turned it down to go to work in the machine shop was anybody’s guess. All Aunt Yu-wei ever said about her choice was that “it felt right.”
a. third person omniscient **b.** third person limited
5. Hannah stared at the passing rows of well-kept houses. Deep down, she felt she knew this town, although she’d never been in this area before. But when the bus rumbled to a stop, and the driver shouted “Willow Valley!” Hannah, like a sleepwalker, made her way for the door.
a. third person omniscient **b.** third person limited