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# Minna and the Canine Club

## Elements of Fiction

### Point of View

*The point of view is who is telling the story.*

First person is when one of the characters tells the story.

**Hint:** First person uses personal pronouns such as; **I, me, my**  
A third person narrator can get into the minds of all the characters.

Third person is when a narrator who is not part of the story tells it.

Example 1

“Hugo, do you want to be a student in my new school?” I asked. “I am going to call it the Canine Club. We will be learning math and reading. Best of all, there will be my favorite subjects — snack and recess.” “Oh, stop your yapping, Minna,” Hugo barked. “Go bug someone else.”

Example 2

Blue asked Clancy if he wanted to join Minna’s new school. Clancy said he didn’t want to. He was very nervous and said he didn’t think he could do school. Blue reassured him by telling Clancy that school will be fun. Clancy asked his friend Blue if he thought that he would make any friends. Blue told Clancy he would have lots of friends because he was a friendly canine.

Which example is written in first person? How do you know?

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Is Example 2 written in first person or second person? How do you know?

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What can third person point of view tell you that first person cannot?

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