

## Change the Point of View: Third Person to First Person

In literature the point of view is the story from one person's perspective. A trick is to ask, "Who is talking?" in other words, who is the narrator? If the author is using a first person voice, the narrator is a main character and uses I or me. The story is from the narrator's point of view and based on only their understanding.

In third person narrations, the narrator is not a main character and instead uses he, she ,it or they when referring to others. The words I and me are used only in dialogue.

The passage below is from *Aladdin and The Wonderful Lamp*, author unknown. It is a story about a poor young man, Aladdin, who finds an oil lamp containing a magical genie and uses his three wishes to make all his dreams come true.

The passage is written in third person narration. Rewrite the passage from Aladdin's point of view . Use your own words.

**One day Aladdin heard an order from the Sultan proclaimed that everyone was to stay at home and close his shutters while the Princess his daughter went to and from the bath. Aladdin was seized by a desire to see her face, which was very difficult, as she always went veiled. He hid himself behind the door of the bath, and peeped through a chink. The Princess lifted her veil as she went in, and looked so beautiful that Aladdin fell in love with her at first sight. He went home so changed that his mother was frightened. He told her he loved the Princess so deeply he could not live without her, and meant to ask her in marriage of her father. His mother, on hearing this, burst out laughing, but Aladdin at last prevailed upon her to go before the Sultan and carry his request.**

Responses will vary. Provide additional ruled paper where necessary.

