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Narrator and Point of View

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**? The narrator is the person who is telling the story. There are two main types of narrators: first person and third person.

If the author is using first person narration, the narrator is a main character and uses *I* or *me* when speaking.

In third person narration the narrator uses *he*, *she* ,*it* or *they*. The words *I* and *me* are used only in dialogue.

Below are passages from books. Read them and write what type of narration is being used: first person or third person.

1) On account of the gold pieces in his mouth, Pinocchio could not say a word, so he tried with head and hands and body to show, as best he could, that he was only a poor Marionette without a penny in his pocket.
The Adventures of Pinocchio, C. Collodi

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2) Unc' Billy chuckled and laughed just as they had at the idea of Old Mr. Toad's saying he had a beautiful voice. But Unc' Billy has a shrewd little head on his shoulders. After a few minutes he stopped laughing.
The Adventures of Old Mr. Toad, Thornton W. Burgess

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3) I hadn't been in proper school in three years. My parents were my two best friends. My third best friend was an author who did not know I existed. I was a fairly shy person—not the hand-raising type.
The Fault in Our Stars, John Green

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4) I maintain that the Ewells started it all, but Jem, who was four years my senior, said it started long before that.
To Kill a Mockingbird, Harper Lee

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5) The face of Elrond was ageless, neither old nor young, though in it was written the memory of many things both glad and sorrowful. His hair was dark as the shadows of twilight, and upon it was set a circlet of silver; his eyes were grey as a clear evening, and in them was a light like the light of stars.
The Fellowship of The Ring, J.R.R. Tolkien

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