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First, Second and Third Person

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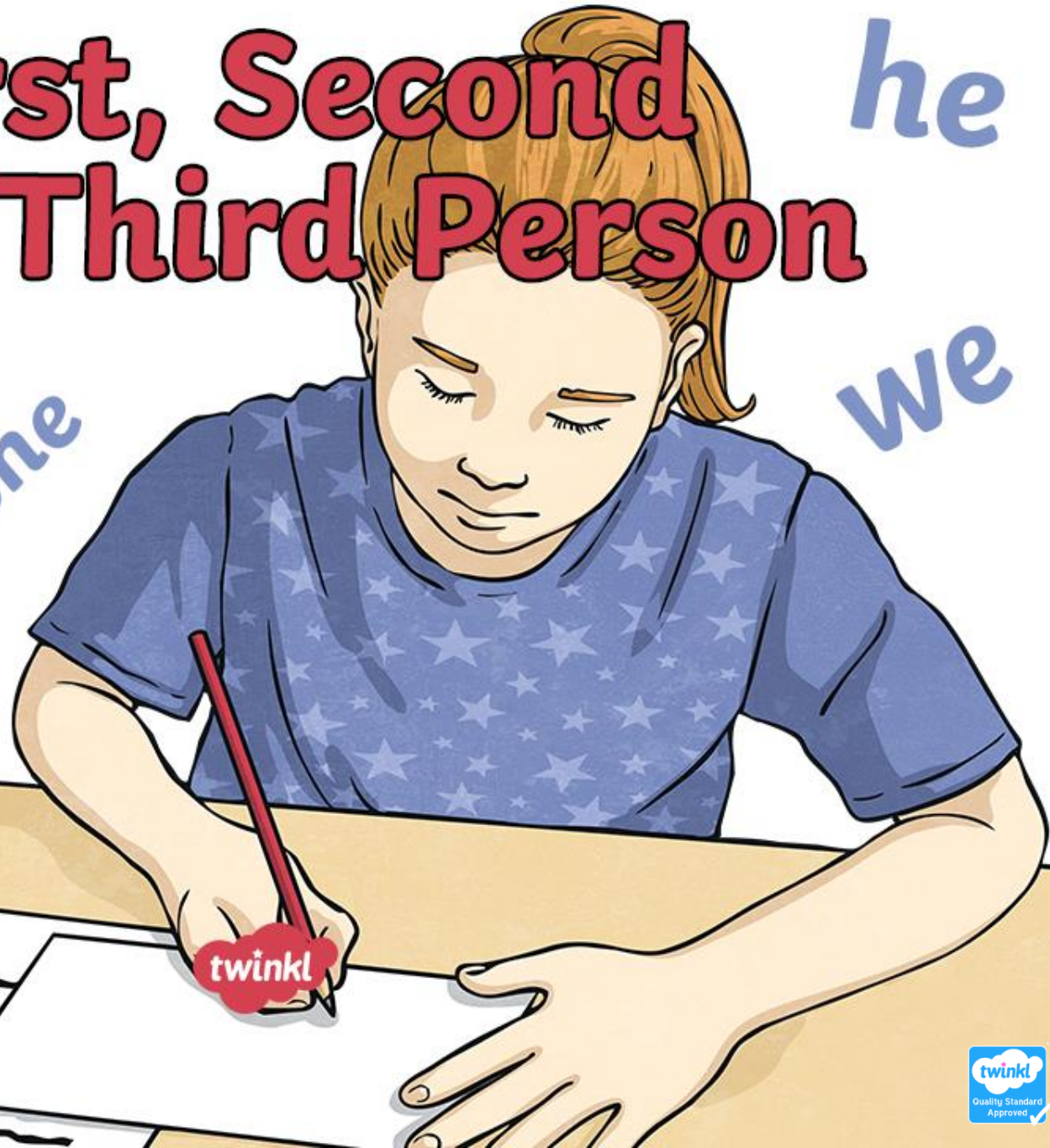
I

she

we

ours

me



Point of View

A story can be told from different points of view.
It can be written in the first, second or third person.

I was going to the funfair today. I was so excited!



Have you ever wondered what life would be like as a superhero?

The boys ran from the house screaming. Riley was terrified.

First Person

If writing a story in the first person, write as though you are a character inside the story.

Describe how you feel and what you are doing or have done.

Use the pronoun 'I'

For example:

Last year, I went to Spain with my family. I loved it!

Other pronouns used in the first person:

my
me
mine
we
our
ours
us



Second Person

If writing in the second person, talk to the reader directly.

Use the pronoun 'you'.

The second person is used a lot non-fiction as well as in fiction texts.

For example:

Before **you** begin, make sure that **you** have all of the tools listed above.

Other pronouns used in the second person:

your
yours



Third Person

If you are writing in the third person, you write about other people or characters.

You use the **character's name** or pronouns such as 'he', 'she' and 'they'.

Other pronouns used in the third person:

her/hers
his
theirs

For example:

Michelle sped off at top speed and was soon in first place. **She** couldn't believe that **she** was going to win!



First, Second or Third Person?

Decide if the following sentences are in the first, second or third person.

Sophie was going to the cinema to meet her friends.

I couldn't believe what I was seeing – it was incredible!

“Where shall we go now?” wondered Tim and Holly as they sat in their car.

Do you believe in ghosts? Well after reading this story, you will!

As I walked into my new school, my stomach churned and my hands began to shake.

Are you an early bird or are you a night owl?

Third to First

Change this passage from the third to the first person by changing the pronouns.

Mr Craver looked at Sarah and said, “Who’s picking you up from school Sarah?”

“I’m not sure,” Sarah replied nervously. She was worried that her mum would be late and that she would have to stay behind with HIM. “But if my mum is late, she said I can just walk home instead.” Sarah tried to not look into Mr Craver’s eyes in case he could tell that she was lying. “I think it would be best if you stay here with me,” Mr Craver replied. Sarah knew that he was mentally preparing a list of work for her to do; she had to get out of school. But how? She needed a plan and fast.

First to Third

Change this passage from the first to the third person by changing the pronouns.

My friends and **I** decided to go to the park after school. As soon as the bell went, **we** grabbed **our** bags, sped out of school and sprinted to the football pitches at St John's park. **I** scored a goal and celebrated by cartwheeling five times and finishing with a roly-poly. **I** knew **my** gymnastics lessons would pay off one day! As **we** were playing, three older boys from Merryfield's Academy walked on to the pitch. **My** heart sank as **I** knew who the boys were and **I** knew that they didn't want to play football. **My** friends and **I** were in big trouble.

