

Narrator (POV)

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- Three main types of narrators or points of view (POV):
 - first-person narrator
 - third-person limited
 - third-person omniscient

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- First-person narrator **is a character in the story who talks to us using *I*, the first-person pronoun**
- we know *only* what the narrator tells us, or chooses to tell us
- we have to question whether this narrator is *credible* or *unreliable*; perhaps they don't (or can't) tell us the truth

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- In the third-person omniscient POV, **the narrator is not a character in the story, and can tell us everything about every character, including their thoughts and feelings**
- *omniscient* means “all-knowing”

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- In the third-person limited POV, **the narrator focuses on just one character but talks about the character in the third person, using *he or she***
- we share one character's reactions to everything, but what we know about the other characters is limited