

First person

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First person, second person, third person. Also called "point of view." What does it mean? Here is a brief definition.

- If you write in the first person, you will be using the word "I" a fair bit. Writing in the first person is writing something from your viewpoint, probably concentrating on what happened to YOU and all your thoughts.
- If you write in the third person, you write as an observer of events, a recorder of other people's actions and spoken words, and you don't include yourself in the article.
- If you write in the (less used) second person, you use the word "you" a fair bit, asking the reader to see him/herself in a situation: "So, you're sitting there, and he says something to you, and you say to him . . . "

Get the idea?

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