Perspective

The **Perspective** of a story means who is telling the story (the main character, a secondary character, a disinterested observer, etc.). Perspective is important, because the story is influenced by the personality and values of the character telling the story.

The **point of view** in a story is the perspective from which the story is told (first person, third person limited, third person omniscient, etc.). Choose one of the character’s in the picture. Write a short firsthand account of what is happening from that character’s perspective, using first person point of view.

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Now rewrite your paragraph as a secondhand account from a third person objective point of view.

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How does the point of view influence how the story is told?