

# Point of View in Stories

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## Quick Review

Your point of view is what YOU think. A story has its own point of view too — sometimes it is told by a character (using “I” / “me”) and sometimes by a narrator from outside. Compare what you think to what the character or narrator thinks.

### PART 1 — READ

Read the passage. Then answer the questions.

#### Pancake Surprise

I love pancakes more than anything in the world. So when Mom said, “Let’s make breakfast together,” I jumped up and grabbed the mixing bowl. I was sure pancakes were coming.

Mom smiled and pulled out eggs and bread. “We’re making French toast,” she said. I tried to hide my frown. French toast is okay, but it is not pancakes.

After my first bite, I was surprised. Mom’s French toast was warm, sweet, and golden brown. By the end of breakfast, I had eaten three pieces and asked for the recipe. Maybe French toast wasn’t so bad after all.

### PART 2 — PRACTICE

Choose the best answer for each question. Show your work for short answers.

- Who is telling this story?
  - the mother
  - a narrator outside the story
  - a child in the family (uses “I”)
  - the cook at a restaurant
- How does the storyteller feel at the BEGINNING?
  - sad
  - excited about pancakes
  - angry at Mom
  - tired



3. How does the storyteller feel about French toast at FIRST?
- A. He/she loves it.
  - B. He/she does not want it — pancakes would be better.
  - C. He/she has never heard of it.
  - D. He/she thinks it is too hot.
4. How does the storyteller's point of view CHANGE?
- A. From happy to angry.
  - B. From wanting pancakes to liking French toast.
  - C. From hungry to full but unhappy.
  - D. From loud to quiet.
5. If YOU were the child in this story, would you have felt the same way? Why or why not?
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
6. Which sentence shows the storyteller's POINT OF VIEW about pancakes?
- A. "I love pancakes more than anything in the world."
  - B. "Mom smiled."
  - C. "We're making French toast."
  - D. "I had eaten three pieces."
7. How might Mom's point of view about breakfast be DIFFERENT from the storyteller's?
- A. Mom does not like breakfast.
  - B. Mom planned French toast and is happy about it.
  - C. Mom only eats pancakes.
  - D. Mom is angry at the storyteller.
8. How would the story be DIFFERENT if Mom were telling it?
- A. It would still use "I" for the child.
  - B. We would hear Mom's thoughts instead of the child's.
  - C. There would be no breakfast.
  - D. It would be in another language.
9. Write one sentence from your point of view about breakfast. Use the word "I".
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_



10. Which best describes the storyteller's point of view at the END?
- A. French toast is terrible.
  - B. Trying new food can be good.
  - C. Pancakes are the only good breakfast.
  - D. Cooking is hard.



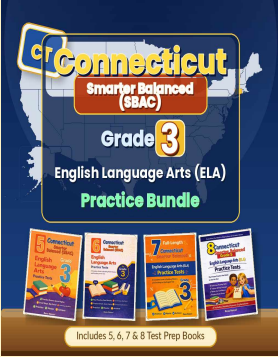
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Explanations	
<b>1. C</b>	The story uses “I” and “me” — first person, from the child's view.
<b>2. B</b>	“I jumped up and grabbed the mixing bowl” shows excitement.
<b>3. B</b>	“French toast is okay, but it is not pancakes.”
<b>4. B</b>	By the end, the child eats three pieces and asks for the recipe.
<b>5.</b>	<b>Answer:</b> Example: Yes — I would also be sad if I wanted pancakes. OR No — I love French toast so I would be happy. Any reasoned personal answer that compares to the character's view.
<b>6. A</b>	This sentence shares an opinion in the “I” voice.
<b>7. B</b>	Mom chose French toast on purpose — her view from the start is positive about it.
<b>8. B</b>	First-person narration follows whoever is telling it.
<b>9.</b>	<b>Answer:</b> Example: I think pancakes are the best breakfast. Any first-person sentence about a breakfast view.
<b>10. B</b>	By the end, the storyteller has changed views and is open to French toast.



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