

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 | |
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| 1. C | The story uses “I” and “me” — first person, from the child's view. |
| 2. B | “I jumped up and grabbed the mixing bowl” shows excitement. |
| 3. B | “French toast is okay, but it is not pancakes.” |
| 4. B | By the end, the child eats three pieces and asks for the recipe. |
| 5. | Answer: 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. |
| 6. A | This sentence shares an opinion in the “I” voice. |
| 7. B | Mom chose French toast on purpose — her view from the start is positive about it. |
| 8. B | First-person narration follows whoever is telling it. |
| 9. | Answer: Example: I think pancakes are the best breakfast. Any first-person sentence about a breakfast view. |
| 10. B | By the end, the storyteller has changed views and is open to French toast. |



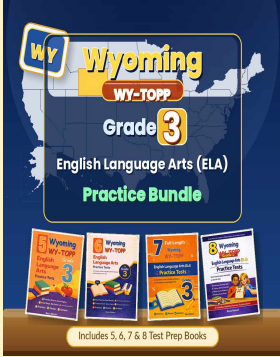
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