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# First, Second and Third Person

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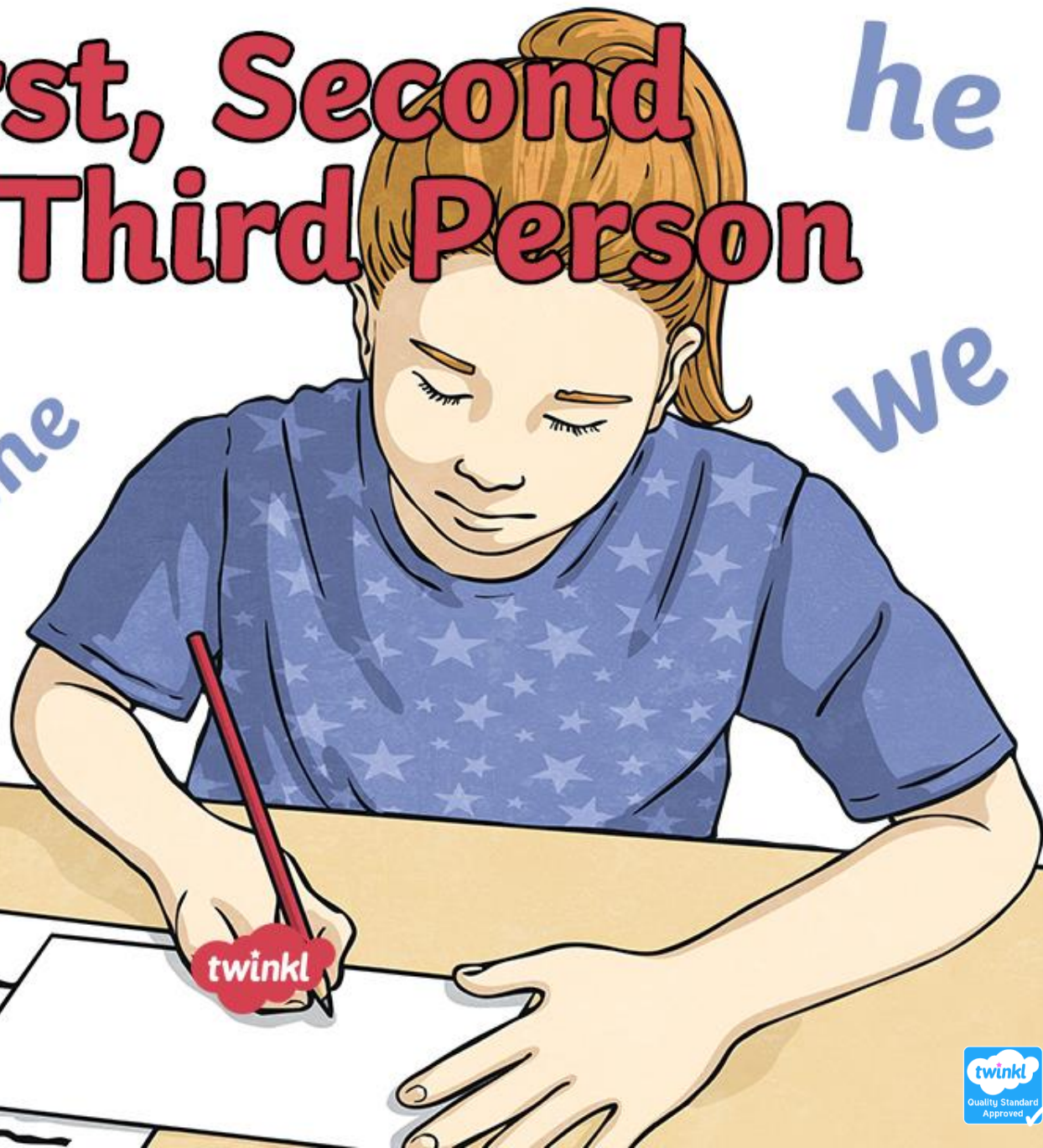
I

she

we

ours

me



# Point of View

A story can be told from different points of view.  
It can be written in the first, second or third person.

I was going to the  
funfair today. I  
was so excited!



Have you ever  
wondered what life  
would be like as a  
superhero?

The boys ran from  
the house  
screaming. Riley  
was terrified.

# First Person

If a story is written in first person, it is written as if it is written by the main character.

It describes what 'I' am doing, seeing, feeling, hearing and so on.

It uses the pronoun 'I'

For example:

Last year, I went to Spain with my family. I loved it!

Other pronouns  
used in the first  
person:

my  
me  
mine  
we  
our  
ours  
us



# Second Person

If a story is written in second person, the story talks to the reader directly.

It uses the pronoun 'you'.

The second person is used a lot non-fiction as well as in fiction texts. It is often used in instructions!

For example:

Before **you** begin, make sure that **you** have all of the tools listed above.

Other pronouns  
used in the  
second person:

**your**  
**yours**





# Third Person

If a story is written in third person, it is written as if a narrator is telling the story about different characters.

It will use the **character's name** or pronouns such as '**he**', '**she**' and '**they**'.

Other pronouns  
used in the third  
person:

**her/hers**  
**his**  
**theirs**

For example:

**Michelle** sped off at top speed and was soon in first place. **She** couldn't believe that **she** was going to win!



# First, Second or Third Person?

Decide if the following sentences are in the first, second or third person.

Sophie was going to the cinema to meet her friends.

Third person

I couldn't believe what I was seeing – it was incredible!

First person

"Where shall we go now?" wondered Tim and Holly as they sat in their car.

Third person

Do you believe in ghosts? Well after reading this story, you will!

Second person

As I walked into my new school, my stomach churned and my hands began to shake.

First person

Are you an early bird or are you a night owl?

Second person