Person of a Pronoun

The **person of a pronoun** indicates the point of view of a story. (Read about person of pronouns on *Write Source* page 412 and 576.3–576.5.)

Examples

First-Person Point of View:

I cleaned and scrubbed the cottage all day.

Second-Person Point of View:

You two will go to the ball to meet the prince.

Third-Person Point of View:

She had to leave the ball by midnight.



In the following sentences, underline the personal pronouns. Above each pronoun, write a 1, 2, or 3 to show whether it is a first-person, second-person, or third-person pronoun. The first sentence has been done for you.

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 1. I heard that the prince invited everyone in the kingdom to the ball. (1)
- 2. My stepmother said, "You stay here and clean. They will go to the ball." (3)
- **3.** They left a little later. (1)
- **4.** My fairy godmother appeared, and suddenly I became a princess. (2)
- **5.** I was thrilled to meet the prince, and he was happy to meet me. (3)
- **6.** At midnight, I ran from the ball, leaving the prince wondering who I was. (2)
- 7. He found one of my glass slippers and began searching for the one he loved. (3)
- 8. He finally found me, and we lived happily ever after. (3)

The Next Step Write another ending to Cinderella from the first-person or third-person point of view. Share your story endings and decide which point of view was used in each of them.

Number of Pronouns

Review the "Uses of Personal Pronouns" chart on *Write Source* page 578. Notice the pronouns *you*, *your*, and *yours* can be **singular** or **plural**.

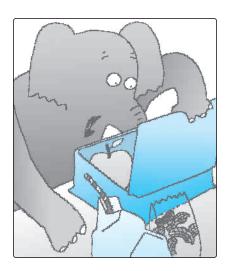
Examples

Singular: I forgot my sandwich. Mary, you can

buy your lunch.

Plural: Bill and Mary, when the cooks serve tacos on Friday, they offer a special

discount. You can buy two for the price of one.





In the following story, underline the personal pronouns. Above each pronoun, write "S" for singular and "P" for plural.

- One day, my friends and I decided to build a sand castle. We
- 2 had seen amazing pictures from contests, and we thought we could
- 3 build a simple one. I told my friends that we would need buckets
- 4 and shovels. They were already at the beach when I arrived.
- 5 I saw a hot-dog stand run by a man from our neighborhood.
- 6 He waved at us, and we waved back. We started to dig in the
- 7 sand and pile it up. My friends began carving towers and walls.
- 8 Although they had never done this before, their castle looked great.
- 9 They even put a moat around it, and then they put a drawbridge
- 10 across the moat. My friends Jill and Serena said, "Would you
- 11 go buy us some hot dogs and something to drink?" We enjoyed
- 12 building our castle, and we later saw it wash away in the tide.