

"Using a first-person narrator is simply a matter of hearing the voice inside yourself." - James Lee Burke

NARRATION

Narration is the action or process of **telling** a story.

A narrator is the person (or animal or object) who tells a story. There are three main types of narrator in literature:

- *A FIRST-PERSON NARRATOR uses the pronouns 'I' and 'we' and is usually a character in the story. Readers observe interactions with other characters from the narrator's perspective.*
- *A SECOND-PERSON NARRATOR uses the pronoun 'you' to address the reader directly and is less common in literature.*
- *A THIRD-PERSON NARRATOR is not a figure in the story, but an observer who is outside of the action being described. A third-person narrator might be **omniscient** (able to tell what all the characters are thinking), or focalised through a particular character.*

