



Limited Narrator

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Limited Narrator:

A narrator who presents the story as it is seen and understood by a single character and restricts information to what is seen, heard, thought, or felt by that one character

*Typically it will be a third person limited narrator

Simplify the Definition: The narrator is limited to telling the reader exactly what the character is experiencing.

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Example:

“Harry had taken up his place at wizard school, where he and his scar were famous ... but now the school year was over, and he was back with the Dursleys for the summer, back to being treated like a dog that had rolled in something smelly. The Dursleys hadn't even remembered that today happened to be Harry's twelfth birthday. Of course, his hopes hadn't been high” (Rowling).

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Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets

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- 1) **How is this an example of limited narrator? What makes it a limited narrator?**
- 2) **Why might an author use a limited narrator in their writing? Does it make the writing easier or more difficult to understand?**
- 3) **Does the use of limited narrators affect the tone of the writing? Why or why not?**

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Now You Try...

Write a few sentences using a limited narrator about a kid at an amusement park!

Things to remember:

- **You are describing what the kid is seeing, feeling, hearing, thinking, etc.**

