

All categories of books or stories can be called either fiction or non-fiction.

Fiction

- A made up story
- Can tell about things that *could* happen
- Is read for fun
- Characters may be like real people or imaginary

Non-Fiction

- Has facts that can be checked and proven
- The author is an expert on this information.

Point of View

START

I go **FIRST**

FIRST PERSON

I, me, my

1st

You go **SECOND**

SECOND PERSON

You, yours

2nd

He, She, They go
THIRD

THIRD PERSON

He, she, him, her,
they, theirs, its

3rd

WINNER

Setting

Setting is the time and place of a story. Setting can include

- Where the action (plot) happens
- Weather/season
- Time of day
- Time period (past, present, future)



Conflict

- Conflict is a struggle between opposing forces
- Every plot must have some kind of conflict. Without conflict, there is no plot.
- Stories can have more than one conflict
- Conflicts can be external or internal



Types of Conflict

Internal Conflict

The character is in conflict with himself/herself.

Person vs. Person

Characters problem is in their head. They must make a decision.

External Conflict

When the character is up against an outside force.

Person vs. Person

Person vs. Nature

Person vs. Society

