

# Text Analysis

## THIRD-PERSON POINT OF VIEW

The **point of view** is the vantage point from which a story is narrated. When a story is told from the **third-person omniscient point of view**, the narrator is all-knowing. As a result, the narrator is aware of what all the characters in the story are thinking and doing. The narrator tells the story using the pronouns *he*, *she*, *it*, and *they*.

**Directions:** Use the graphic organizer to record information that Jimmy knows and information that the reader knows that Jimmy doesn't. Then answer the question that follows.

**I Know**

- Jimmy will spend longer in prison than he thought.
- Ben Price is out to capture Jimmy for committing robberies after his release from prison.
- There is a good chance that Ben Price will capture Jimmy because he knows his skills and moves, and there are a lot of clues.
- Prediction: Jimmy and Annabel will fall in love.
- Ben Price is in Elmore and is ready to arrest Jimmy.
- Ben Price is watching Jimmy as he saves Agatha.

**Jimmy Knows**

- Jimmy knows that he won't have to spend the entire sentence in prison.
- Jimmy changes his name to Ralph Spender, and only he knows his true identity.
- Jimmy came to Elmore to crack the safe at the town bank.
- Jimmy will not crack any more safes.
- Jimmy can open the vault to save Agatha.
- Jimmy chose the shoe business because of fixed shoes in prison.
- Only Jimmy knows that he is really not a shoe store owner.
- Only Jimmy knows that he has safecracking tools in his briefcase.
- Jimmy wants to go west after the wedding with Annabel to avoid being recognized.
- Jimmy knows that if he saves the girl, he will most likely be discovered.
- Jimmy knows that if he shows interest in the vault, Mr. Adams may become suspicious.
- Annabel is the one calling Jimmy at the end of the story.
- Ben knows that Jimmy has truly changed.
- I know that Annabel's father is the owner of the town bank.

How would the story be different if it were told from the first-person point of view?

Jimmy would tell the story from his point of view with what he sees, thinks, and feels. We would not know what other characters would see, think, or feel unless Jimmy actually experiences it because he doesn't know what other people think, and it would have less details than Third-Person Omniscient Point of View. First Person Point of view would be told with the pronouns I, Me, We, They, and Us.