

POV Technique Study Answer Key

1. Third person limited.
2. It shows Elias's fear and determination through close access to his actions and limited access to his thoughts.
3. Because the narrator only reveals what Elias notices, the reader experiences uncertainty and danger at the same pace as Elias.
4. Answers may vary. Sample: The limited POV strengthens suspense because the narrator hides information Elias cannot see, making the reader feel the same tension when the click echoes behind him.
5. Answers may vary. Sample: A first person POV might increase intensity by letting readers hear Elias's exact thoughts. A third person omniscient POV would reduce suspense by revealing the source of the click.

Teacher's Guide

- Review the differences among **first person**, **second person**, **third person limited**, and **third person omniscient** before students analyze the passage.
- Remind students that author POV choices are **intentional techniques**, not just grammatical decisions.
- Support struggling students by encouraging them to underline words that reveal closeness or distance from the character.
- Provide a reference chart with phrases such as **narrator distance**, **access to thoughts**, **control of information**, and **reader alignment**.
- For engagement, let students rewrite two sentences from the excerpt in a different POV to see how tone and tension shift.
- Extension idea: Have students choose a passage from their independent reading and complete the same analysis to apply the skill across texts.