

**USING A CONSISTENT VOICE (OR POINT OF VIEW)**

A consistent use of voice (also called "point of view") is a preferred practice in writing. You may remember that Point of View is concerned with the use of perspective (that is, who is speaking/thinking/writing?).

Voice	First-Person	Second-Person	Third-Person
Perspective	You	Speaking/Writing TO someone else	Speaking/Writing ABOUT someone else
Pronouns	I, My, Me, We, Our, Mine, Myself, Ourselves	You, Your, Yours, You All, Yourself	He, She, It, They, Him, His, Hers, Their, Theirs, Them, This, That, These, Those, Themselves, Herself, Himself, Everyone, Each, None, Everything, Many
Non-Pronouns	N/A	Use Proper Nouns (Use "Einstein," instead of "he"... Or, "Paris" instead of there.	Use Proper Nouns (Use "Einstein," instead of "he"... Or, "Paris" instead of there.

When writing a paragraph, always attempt to keep in the same voice or point of view. Additionally, within your paper, always attempt to keep in the same voice or point of view. Some mixing is generally permitted, but mixing of voice is not always a welcome thing (depending on your instructor). Again, some poly-vocality (or the mixing of different voices) may be permitted, but the ultimate aim should be to stay within the use of one voice.