



Pronouns

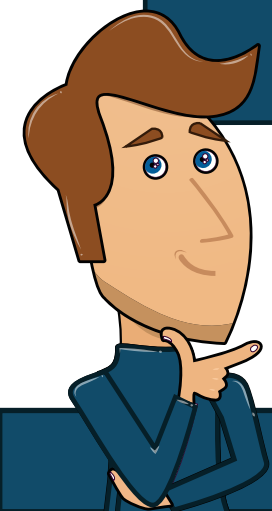
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What is a pronoun?

A pronoun is a word that can **replace a noun in a sentence**.

their	they	I	my	he
our	you	him	she	we
it	us	her	them	ours
his	hers	that	mine	those



Replacing the noun



Have a look at my sentence.
What is wrong with it?

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Sarah would bring the turkey to the house.

Replacing the noun



My sentence is very repetitive! Let's replace the **highlighted** words with the most appropriate pronouns.

Sarah said **Sarah** would buy the turkey and
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How did you do?

Now the sentence isn't repetitive and it reads much better.

Sarah said **she** would buy the turkey and
she would bring **it** to the house.



Replace the **highlighted** nouns in my sentences:

When Jack's grandmother came to stay, she gave **Jack** some money. **Jack** used his money to buy a game called Gables. Jack could not wait to get home and play **the new game**.

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Be careful!

Sometimes it is not clear who or what the pronoun is referring to.

Gemma bought her friend a present and
she thought it was brilliant.

Who is the '**she**' referring to?

It could be **Gemma** or **her friend** and this would change the meaning of the sentence.



Possessive pronouns



Sometimes pronouns show possession as well as preventing you from repeating the noun.

Examples: **mine, yours, his, hers, ours, theirs**

“Are they Claire’s chocolates?” asked John.

“No. They are **mine**,” replied Hannah.



Insert the correct possessive pronoun:

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When Mum saw that I was wearing Oliver's gloves, she wanted to know where _____ were.

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Possessive determiners



Possessive determiners are a type of pronoun.
They're used in front of nouns to express belonging.

Examples: *her, its, our, my, their, your*

Possessive pronoun

hers

ours

yours

theirs

Possessive determiner

her

our

your

their

In a sentence:

I went to **your** house but you were out with **our** brother.



In your groups, answer the following questions:

Tick one box to show the pair of pronouns that completes the sentence below.

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had to ask someone to help _____.

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she, his

they, our

him, them



Replace the **highlighted** word or words in each sentence with the correct possessive pronoun.

That bike belongs to **me**. That bike is _____.

This house is owned by **us**. This house is _____.

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Relative pronouns



A relative pronoun is a word which is used to refer back to nouns that have been mentioned previously in the sentence. They are used to introduce a relative clause.

Examples: *who, which, that, whose, when, where, whom*

The boy, *who* was starting to feel nervous, crept into the darkening hall.



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Replacing the noun



Look at the paragraph below and identify who or what each highlighted pronoun is referring to:

He was darting through the lush jungle **that** could be seen creeping **its** way through the rocky valley. Sam was slowing now, pushing **his** way through the undergrowth as the treasure **he** longed for grew closer and closer. Cautiously stepping around the corner, Sam came face to face with the huge foot of a beast! He was surrounded by **them** on this plant infested island. **He** crawled along the ground trying desperately to ensure **it** didn't spot him. He found a hiding place between some trees. As he lent against **them**, he saw a pearly egg beginning to hatch! **Its** white shell cracked down one side and then split in two revealing a slimy, tiny baby inside. Sam, **who** was watching on in amazement, started to lose track of where **he** was and the threat that surrounded him.

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