
PART A: THE PARTS OF SPEECH

Overhead #6

PRONOUNS

What is a pronoun?

A pronoun is a word that REPLACES a noun.

If we had no pronouns, we would have to use nouns again and again in sentences. This would become very repetitive and very annoying to read.

What are some examples of pronouns?

**I, you, he, she, it, we, you, they
everyone, someone, nobody
their, itself**

The noun which the pronoun replaces is called its

ANTECEDENT

What are some examples of pronouns and their antecedents?

ANTECEDENT	PRONOUN
Marsha	she, her, herself
airline pilot	he, his, himself
cat	it, he, she, its, himself

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KINDS OF PRONOUNS

There are several kinds of pronouns but the most common is the

PERSONAL PRONOUN

A personal pronoun is a word that **REPLACES** a noun by referring to what grammarians call

PERSON

There are three **PERSONS** in grammar:

1. first person: the person speaking (**I, we**)
2. second person: the person spoken to (**you**)
3. third person: the person or thing spoken about (**he, she, it, they**)

Notice that each person has several forms and we use these forms differently in our sentences:

I, my, me, we, our, ours, us
you, your, yours
he, his, him
she, her, hers
it, its
they, their, theirs, them.

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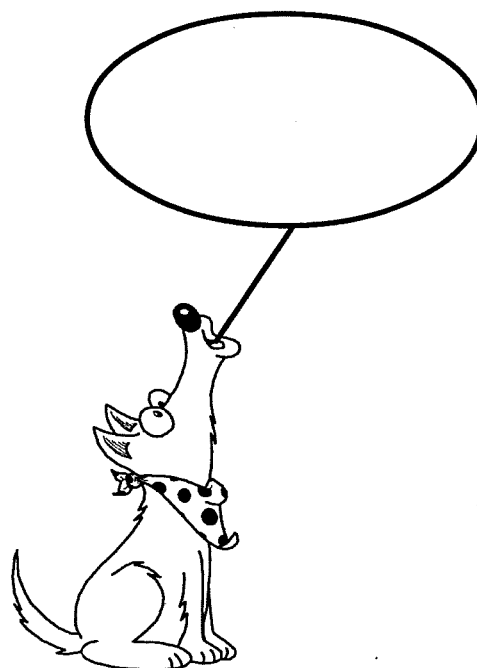
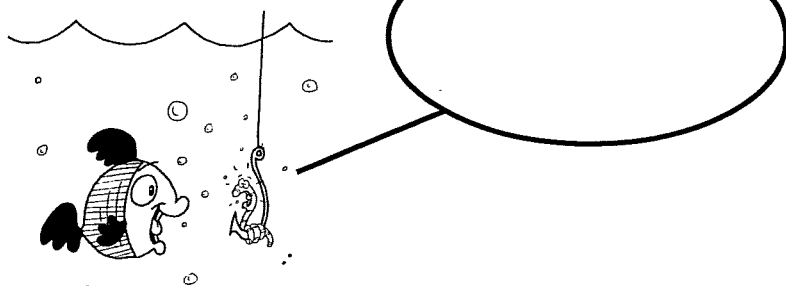
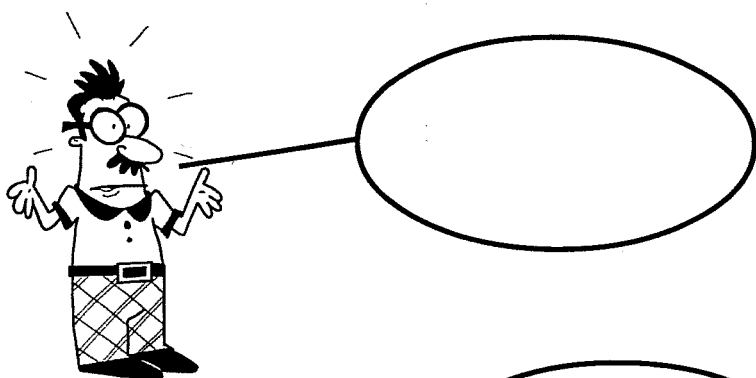
EXERCISE 8: PERSONAL PRONOUNS

Circle the personal pronouns in each of the following sentences. Then draw an arrow to the antecedent of the pronoun:

1. Jessica asked her father to buy her a horse.
2. *Titanic* sank on its maiden voyage and many of its passengers died.
3. Chris, please do your work to the best of your ability.
4. Potatoes are called *pommes de terre* in France because they resemble apples.
5. When Columbus reached the New World, he thought he had sailed to India.

EXERCISE 9: PERSONAL PRONOUNS

Fill in the bubble with what you think the character might say. Use at least one personal pronoun in your dialog. Underline all personal pronouns.



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KINDS OF PRONOUNS

Other kinds of pronouns:

POSSESSIVE PRONOUNS

A possessive pronoun is a form of personal pronoun which shows ownership.

EXAMPLES

my, mine, our, ours, your, yours,
his, her, hers, its,
their, theirs

Note that possessive pronouns do not use the apostrophe to form possession.

REFLEXIVE PRONOUNS

A reflexive pronoun is another form of the personal pronoun which reflects back on or refers to itself.

EXAMPLES

myself, ourselves,
yourselves, himself,
herself, itself, themselves

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KINDS OF PRONOUNS

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DEMONSTRATIVE PRONOUNS

A demonstrative pronoun is used to point out a specific, person or thing.

EXAMPLES

this, that, these, those.

INDEFINITE PRONOUNS

An indefinite pronoun does not refer to a definite person or thing and may be used without an antecedent.

EXAMPLES

each, either, someone, no one,
everyone, something, anything

INTERROGATIVE PRONOUNS

An interrogative pronoun asks a question.

EXAMPLES

Who...? Whom...? Whose...?
What...? Which...?

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EXERCISE 10: KINDS OF PRONOUNS

Each of the following sentences contains one pronoun. In the chart which follows, write the pronoun, tell its antecedent, and state what kind of pronoun it is.

1. Mourab came to Boston from Ghana, where he was born.
2. Who was the first person to climb Mount Everest?
3. Mom will cook the dinner herself before the game starts.
4. Anyone with knowledge of the incident should see the principal.
5. Mrs. Ferguson wanted her instructions to be carried out carefully.
6. "Don't do that!" said Oliver to Elizabeth.
7. Terry Fox will be remembered for his courage for many years to come.
8. The scuba divers might have scratched themselves on the coral in the reef.
9. The teacher said to the class, "This is the next project for homework."
10. Somebody ought to change the way people think about other people.

Number	Pronoun	Antecedent	Kind of Pronoun
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			

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REVIEW TEST #1: NOUNS AND PRONOUNS (20 marks)

A) Read the following passage. In the space provided, tell whether the underlined word is: (10 marks)

- a common noun
- a personal pronoun
- a reflexive pronoun
- an indefinite pronoun
- a proper noun
- a possessive pronoun
- a demonstrative pronoun
- an interrogative pronoun

“What shall we do?” asked Dorothy, despairingly.

“I haven’t the slightest idea,” said the Tin Woodman; and the Lion shook his shaggy mane and looked thoughtful. But the Scarecrow said: “We cannot fly, that is certain; neither can we climb down into this great ditch ourselves. Therefore, if we cannot jump over it, we must stop where we are.”

“I think I could jump over it,” said the Cowardly Lion, after measuring the distance carefully in his mind.

“Then we are all right,” answered the Scarecrow, “for you can carry us all over on your back, one at a time.”

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| 1. what | _____ | 6. ourselves | _____ |
| 2. Dorothy | _____ | 7. it | _____ |
| 3. I | _____ | 8. distance | _____ |
| 4. Tin Woodman | _____ | 9. your | _____ |
| 5. mane | _____ | 10. one | _____ |

B) Write the plural of each of the following nouns in the space provided. (5 marks)

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| 1. rive | _____ | 4. moose | _____ |
| 2. princess | _____ | 5. library | _____ |
| 3. child | _____ | | |

C) Write the possessive of each of the following nouns in the space provided. (5 marks)

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| 1. Aladdin | _____ | 4. stories | _____ |
| 2. princesses | _____ | 5. deer | _____ |
| 3. sister | _____ | | |