

PRONOUNS

A **pronoun** is a word that takes the place of a noun.

Pronouns are used to avoid repeating the same nouns over and over.

Make your writing clearer by making sure your pronouns agree with their antecedents (the nouns that pronouns replace or refer to) in **number** (singular or plural), **person** (1st, 2nd, or 3rd person), and **gender** (feminine, masculine, or neuter).

TYPES OF PRONOUNS:

Personal (Subject, Object, and Possessive) Pronouns

	Singular Pronouns:			Plural Pronouns:		
	Subject	Possessive	Object	Subject	Possessive	Object
First Person:	I	my, mine	me	we	our, ours,	us
Second Person:	you	your, yours	you	you	your, yours	you
Third Person:	he	his	him	they	their, theirs	them
	she	her, hers	her			
	it	its	it			

Indefinite pronouns refer to people or things that are not named or known. Some are singular, some are plural, and some can be singular or plural.

Singular: another, anybody, anyone, anything, each, either, everybody, everyone, everything, neither, nobody, no one, nothing, one, somebody, someone, something

Plural: both, few, many, several

Singular or Plural: all, any, most, none

Interrogative pronouns help to ask a question.

Example: Who is this strange man?

who, whose, whom, which, what

Demonstrative pronouns point out or identify a noun.

(When used before a noun, they are demonstrative adjectives.)

Example: This is a dangerous situation.

this, that, these, those

Relative pronouns connect a dependent clause to an independent clause.

Example: The man who dropped down the chimney is not Santa Claus.

who, whose, whom, which, what, that, whoever, whomever, whichever, whatever

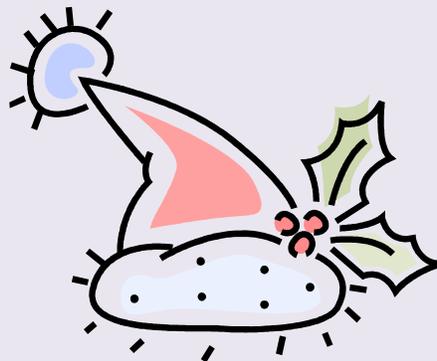
Intensive pronouns emphasize their antecedents.

Example: The man himself seemed surprised.

Reflexive pronouns refer back to the subject and are always objects.

Example: The fake Santa Claus tried to protect himself from our blows.

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



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Fill in the following blanks with the correct pronouns. Circle the remaining pronouns.

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