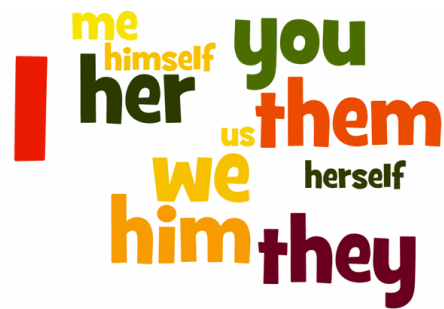


PRONOUNS



What is a pronoun?

Pronouns are used when you refer to a noun by a word that stands for it.

E.g me, her, him, it, you, they.



To decide if a word is a pronoun, you need to ask yourself, 'Does it stand for a noun?'

E.g *Jamie loves to play football after school; he is learning very fast.*

The pronoun **he** refers to Jamie.



Why do we use them?

Speaking and writing become much clearer and quicker when we use pronouns. Without pronouns, we would have to repeat the same nouns over and over again.

Compare the sentences below:

The old lady picked up the dog. She patted him on the head.

The old lady picked up the dog. The old lady patted the dog on the head.

Possessive Pronouns

Possessive pronouns tell you who owns something or who is involved in the action or process.

E.g ours, yours, theirs, its, mine, his, hers.

E.g *Samantha asked mum if she could borrow her shoes.*



The pronoun **she** refers to mum.



	Singular	Plural
Subject of the sentence	I you he she it	we you they
Object of the sentence	me you him her It	us you them

Problems with 'I' and 'me'.

Sometimes, it can be difficult to decide whether to use 'I' or 'me'. The best way to decide is to remove the other person from the sentence and see which sounds correct.

E.g Ben and me are going on holiday.

Ben and I are going on holiday.

Which would you use?

I am going on holiday. ✓

Me am going on holiday. ✗

Therefore, the second sentence is the correct one: Ben and I are going on holiday. ✓

Other types of pronoun	
Personal pronouns	We use these when we are talking about ourselves or someone else specifically. E.g I, you, me. <i>You will have an amazing time.</i>
Relative pronouns	These are used to introduce extra information about a noun. E.g that, which, who, whom, whose, what. <i>Sarah, who is my best friend, has beautiful eyes.</i>
Demonstrative pronouns	These are used to identify people or things specifically. E.g this, that, these, those. <i>These are the best cakes you've ever made.</i>