

Formative work on Pronouns

Do you know your personal pronouns or possessive pronouns & determiners?

A personal pronoun refers to people, places, things, and ideas.

✚ A first-person personal pronoun refers to the one (or ones) speaking.

✚ The singular first-person pronouns are I, me, my, and mine.

✚ The plural first-person personal pronouns are we, our, ours, and us. **e.g.:** *We told our story. I offered my opinion to the reporters. Ours is the less expensive model. The new family moved next door to us.*

✚ A second-person personal pronoun refers to the one (or ones) spoken to.

✚ The singular and plural second-person personal pronouns are the same three words—you, your, and yours. Can you bring your book back here today? The present will be given to you. This award is yours.

✚ The third-person personal pronoun is the one (or ones) spoken about. The singular third-person personal pronouns include he, his, him, she, her, hers, it, and its. The plural third-person personal pronouns include they, their, theirs, and them. **e.g.** *He and she wanted to take their children on a vacation. They asked him and her if the house had kept its appeal. Do you think that they will think that this car is theirs?*

A reflexive pronoun is formed by adding “-self” or “-selves” to a personal pronoun.

✚ Reflexive pronouns include the first-person pronouns, myself and ourselves. The second-person pronouns are yourself and yourselves.

✚ The third-person pronouns are himself, herself, itself, and themselves. **e.g.** *The young lady carried in all her packages by herself. They relied upon themselves to finish the daunting task. Will he remember to help himself to the food on the table?*

Don't get confused between them

Subject pronoun

I
you
he
she
it
We
You
They

+ verb



Possessive Adjective

my
your
his
her
its
our
your
their

+ noun



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I. Underline the appropriate pronoun or possessive in each of these 15 sentences.

1. (We | Us) love to read books.
2. Most of these dresses had belonged to (her | hers).
3. (I | Me) will be waking up early tomorrow.
4. Emma has finished (her | mine) piano lesson.
5. Is this sweater (your | yours)?
6. You and (they | us) were invited to the graduation ceremony.
7. (Their | Theirs) is the cutest dog in this show.
8. Please pass the ball to (him | his).
9. Her grade is higher than (mine | him).

10. Does this instrument belong to (him | hers)?

11. (Our | Ours) car needs an inspection.

12. Were you able to hear (us | we) from that spot?

13. (We and they | Us and them) will meet at the movies.

14. Please help (they | us) lift this heavy box.

15. Listen to what (she | her) is telling (you | your) about the ship's cargo.

II. Write the letter S for singular or P for plural on the line next to each word.

A singular noun or pronoun is a word that refers to one person, place, thing, or idea.

✚ Singular nouns include woman, man, child, foot, tooth, car, desk, pool, friend, computer, video, and poetry.

✚ Singular pronouns include he, she, it, I, me, mine, my, his, and her.

✚ A plural noun or pronoun refers to more than one person, place, thing, or idea.

✚ Plural nouns include women, men, children, feet, teeth, bottles, games, crafts, cylinders, and instruments.

✚ Plural pronouns include they, them, we, our, ours, their, theirs, themselves, and us.

1. ____ fan

9. ____ graveyard

15. ____ gasoline

2. ____ their

10. ____ few

16. ____ myself

3. ____ ourselves

11. ____ lights

17. ____ them

4. ____ licenses

12. ____ families

18. ____ its

5. ____ herself

13. ____ I

19. ____ we

6. ____ swimmer

14. ____ muscles

20. ____ slide

7. ____ it

8. ____ bats

