

Pronouns: The Rules

Pronouns are words used to **replace a noun**. Without pronouns, spoken and written English would be very repetitive.

Nicola loves to play golf. She finds it very relaxing.

Sam heard a noise from the cave. There was definitely something inside it.

There are **six** different types of pronouns...

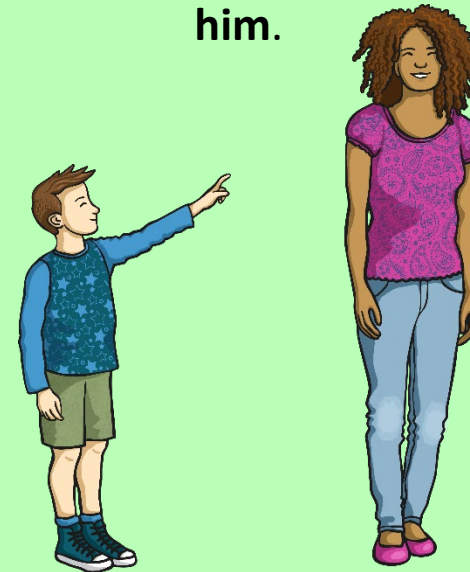


Personal Pronouns: The Rules

Personal pronouns represent **people, places** and **things**. They **refer back** to either the **object** or **subject** of the sentence. Personal pronouns often signal whether the noun they refer back to is **singular** or **plural** and its **gender**.

them	him	you
it	you	I
we	she	they
he	me	us

He pointed at **her**. **She** giggled at **him**.



Possessive Pronouns: The Rules

Possessive pronouns show you the **ownership** of something. They are not to be confused with possessive apostrophe words. **They don't need an apostrophe.**

mine	yours	his
hers	its	ours
	theirs	

The bike was **his**.



Relative Pronouns: The Rules

Relative pronouns are the first words used in a **relative clause**.

that

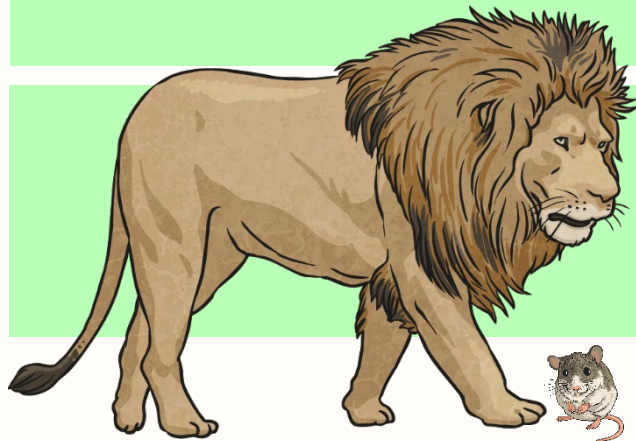
who

whom

which

whose

Jim, who was dressed as a superhero, was going to a fancy dress party.



The lion held the mouse, which made him nervous.

Reflexive Pronouns: The Rules

Reflexive pronouns reflect back on an earlier noun or pronoun.

myself

themselves

herself

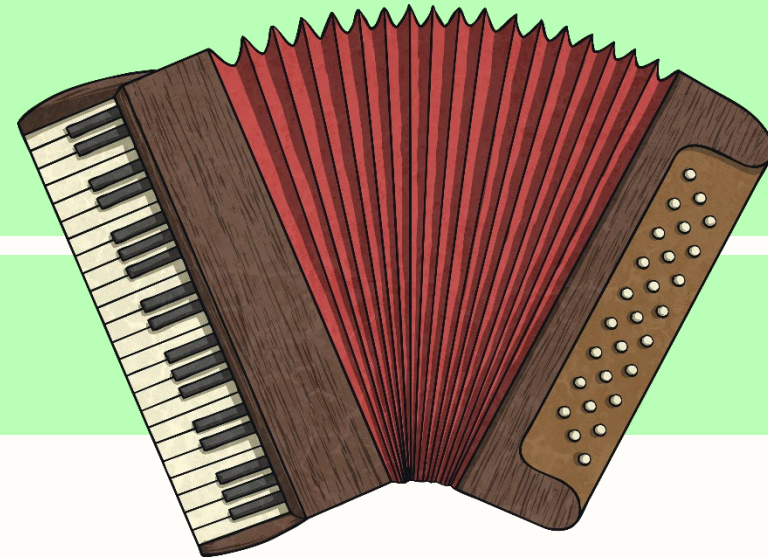
yourself

himself

ourselves

He taught himself to play the accordion.

'Himself' refers back to the pronoun 'he'.



Interrogative Pronouns: The Rules

Interrogative pronouns are used to **ask questions** when there is an **unknown subject** or **object**.

what

who

which

whose

whom

Who was that?



Whose are those?



Indefinite Pronouns: The Rules

Indefinite pronouns do not refer to any specific person or thing, but still can take the place of a noun.

somebody

someone

nobody

all

something

anybody

nothing

another

anyone

anything

no one

whose

each

many

most

other

some

few

none

such

There isn't **anyone** at home.

Pronouns: The Tricky Bits

The two most commonly misused personal pronouns are:

me

I

Me and Danielle worked at the computer.



This sentence is incorrect. Think about it... would 'me worked at the computer' be grammatically correct?

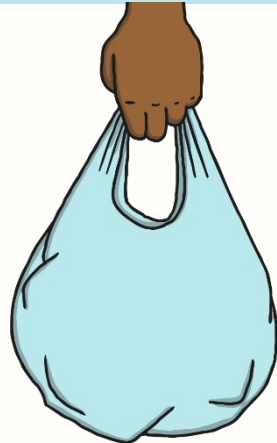
Danielle and **I** worked at the computer.

'I' is the correct pronoun to use. Always place the other person first.

Pronouns – Quiz Question 1

Underline six pronouns in the following passage.

Bob and Bert went shopping for camping equipment. They bought a tent for themselves. It came with free sleeping bags. Bob gave his _____ to someone else because he already had one.



Pronouns – Quiz Question 2

Add a possessive pronoun to this sentence:

“You can’t play with the train – it’s mine”.



Pronouns – Quiz Question 3

Rewrite the sentences, replacing the underlined nouns with the correct pronouns.

Sara played Scrabble even though Sara doesn't really like Scrabble.

Sara played Scrabble even though **she** doesn't really like **it**.

Some Australian spiders are venomous so be careful not to approach the spiders.

Some Australian spiders are venomous so be careful not to approach **them**.

Are you feeling confident
with pronouns?