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**.

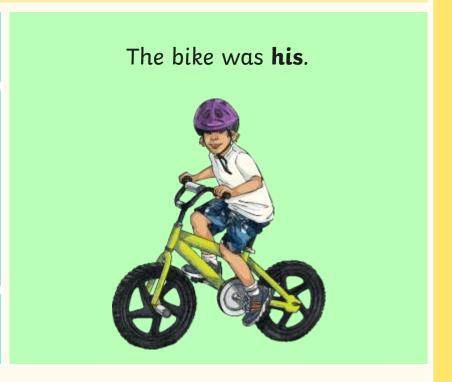
them	him	you
it	you	I
we	she	they
he	me	us



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



who

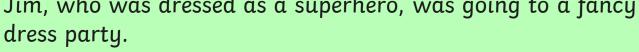
Relative Pronouns: The Rules

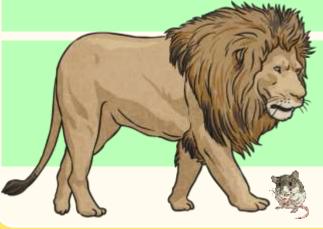
Relative pronouns are the first words used in a **relative clause**.

whose

whom

Jim, who was dressed as a superhero, was going to a fancy





that

The lion held the mouse, which made him nervous.

which

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 tho	se?

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

Ι



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 <u>mine</u>".



Pronouns – Quiz Question 3

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

Sara played Scrabble even though <u>Sara</u> doesn't really like <u>Scrabble</u>.

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

Some Australian spiders are venomous so be careful not to approach the <u>spiders</u>.

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

English Task

Tomorrow you are going to write the Diary of Kate Barlow.

In order to write the diary you will need to re-read chapter 26 and make a list or create a mind map containing all of the major plot points from this chapter.

