

PRONOUNS

Easy Examples of Pronouns

In these examples, the nouns being replaced are in bold, and the pronouns are shaded:

- **Jack** met **Jill** in Boston. **He** first saw **her** in a Chinese restaurant. (In this example, the pronoun "he" replaces the noun "Jack," and the pronoun "her" replaces the noun "Jill.")

Another example:

- **Visitors** descend on **New York's Central Park**. **They** swarm across it like locusts. (Here, the pronoun "they" replaces the noun "visitors," and the pronoun "it" replaces the noun phrase "New York's Central Park.")

In the last example, the pronoun "it" replaced a noun phrase ("New York's Central Park") not a single noun. Right then, let's update our definition:

Definition for Pronoun

A pronoun is a word that replaces anything functioning as a noun. This includes:

- **A Noun** (a single-word noun).

For example:

- Playful and curious, **foxes** like to play with balls, and **they** often steal **them** from backyards and golf courses. (Here, the pronouns "they" and "them" replace the single-word nouns "foxes" and "balls.")

- **A Noun Phrase** (a multi-word noun).

For example:

- **The arctic fox** handles the cold better than most animals on Earth. **It** does not feel the cold until the temperature drops to -70°C . (Here, the pronoun "it" replaces the noun phrase "the arctic fox.")
- **A Noun Clause** (a multi-word noun with its own subject and verb).

For example:

- We understand **why some people dislike foxes**. It is because a fox will decimate a chicken coop. (Here, the pronoun "it" replaces the noun clause "why people dislike foxes.")

	Pronoun Type	Examples
1	Personal pronouns	I, you, he, she, it, we, they
2	Possessive pronouns	mine, yours, his, hers, ours, theirs
3	Relative pronouns	which, who, that
4	Demonstrative pronouns	this, that, these, those
5	Emphatic pronouns	myself, yourself, himself, herself, itself, ourselves
6	Reflexive pronouns	myself, yourself, himself, herself, itself, ourselves
7	Indefinite pronouns	none, several, many, some, any, somebody, nobody
8	Interrogative pronouns	which, who, what
9	Reciprocal pronouns	each other, one another

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