

Pronouns

A **pronoun** is a word used in place of a noun.

A **subject pronoun** is used in the subject of a sentence and after a linking verb.

He is a chemist. The chemist is **he**.

An **object pronoun** is a word used after an action verb or a preposition.

Jan gave **me** the gift. Jan gave the gift to **me**.

A **possessive pronoun** shows ownership.

The new car is **ours**. That is **our** car.

Underline each pronoun.

1. Brian, do you have my ticket to the play?
2. Just between you and me, I want to go with them.
3. Carol, will you help me carry our trunk?
4. May I go with you?
5. We saw him standing in line to go to a movie.
6. Just be sure to find Carol and me.
7. We will be ready when they come for us.
8. She sent this box of chocolates to Andrea and me.
9. She asked you and me to be on her bowling team.
10. We saw them go into the building on the corner.

A **demonstrative pronoun** is used to point out a specific person or thing.

This is mine. (**This** refers to a noun nearby.)

That is the right one. (**That** refers to a noun farther away.)

These are the best ones. (**These** refers to a plural noun nearby.)

Those don't look ripe. (**Those** refers to a plural noun farther away.)

An **indefinite pronoun** does not refer to a specific person or thing.

Singular indefinite pronouns take singular verbs:

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| Anybody | Anyone | Anything | Each |
| Everyone | Everybody | Everything | |
| Nobody | No one | Nothing | One |
| Somebody | Someone | Something | |

Plural indefinite pronouns take plural verbs:

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| Both | Few | Many | Several | Some |
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Formative Assessment: Identify all pronouns.

1. Do you know where our cottage is?
2. If I lend you my car, will you take care of it?
3. Sorry, that was my last piece.
4. Did someone leave this lunch?
5. I gave him my word that we would visit her.
6. Who told you that?
7. Everybody is expected to arrive early.
8. When they saw us fishing, Bob and Diane changed their plans.
9. Your toes are peeking through your socks.
10. Marie showed us how to fasten her bike to our car.