

PRONOUNS

replace nouns. A pronoun stands for a person, place, or thing. There are five types of pronouns: **personal**, **relative**, **demonstrative**, **indefinite**, and **reflexive**.

pronouns can act as subjects or objects. They can also show possession.

Subjects: *I, we, you, he, she, it, one, they*

Objects: *me, us, you, him, her, it, one, them*

Possessive: *my, mine, our, ours, your, yours, his, her, hers, its, their, theirs*

pronouns introduce dependent (subordinate) clauses – clauses that cannot stand alone in a sentence.

*Madagascar is a large island **that** offers a varied topography.*

*Madagascar lies in the Indian Ocean, **which** is the world's third – largest body of water.*

Relative pronouns

<i>that</i>	<i>whichever</i>	<i>whom</i>
<i>whatever</i>	<i>who</i>	<i>whomever</i>
<i>which</i>	<i>whoever</i>	<i>whose</i>

pronouns point out nouns that follow them.

*“**This** country has been made better because of your example,” said the speaker.*

Demonstrative pronouns

<i>this</i>	<i>that</i>
<i>these</i>	<i>those</i>

pronouns point to places and things that are not specific. They act as subjects or objects, or they show possession.

***Everyone** in my tour group class wanted to visit the ancient Mayan city.*

***No one** knew much about the Yucatan people who built it.*

Indefinite pronouns

<i>any</i>	<i>each</i>	<i>few</i>	<i>nothing</i>
<i>anybody</i>	<i>either</i>	<i>many</i>	<i>some</i>
<i>anyone</i>	<i>everybody</i>	<i>nobody</i>	<i>somebody</i>
<i>anything</i>	<i>everyone</i>	<i>none</i>	<i>someone</i>
<i>both</i>	<i>everything</i>	<i>no one</i>	<i>something</i>

pronouns refer to nouns or pronouns that act as subjects. Reflexive pronouns always end in **–self** or **–selves**: *myself, himself, herself, yourself, themselves*.

*She blessed **herself** as she entered the church.*

*The police advised him to control **himself**, or he would be arrested.*

Sample Quiz Questions:

1. Identify the pronoun(s) in the following sentence. His photographs are beautiful.
 - a. His
 - b. photographs
 - c. are

Answer: a. His

2. Identify the pronoun(s) in the following sentence. Everyone must participate.
 - a. Everyone
 - b. must
 - c. participate

Answer: a. Everyone