

# Pronouns

The job of a pronoun is to replace a noun. We use pronouns so we don't have to repeat the nouns we are using too often. It makes our talking less repetitive and more interesting.

## Type of pronouns

### Personal pronouns

These are used to replace the names of people and objects.

### Subject pronouns (using a pronoun as the subject of a sentence)

'I' is used to replace my own name. I don't say "John is going to school today", if my name is John.

I say "I am going to school today".

We use the same structure when we are talking about other people.

John and Steve = they, My brother = he, my sister = she, Me and my father = we (if I am included in the sentence). If I am talking directly to someone, I say you if that is 1 person, or more than 1 person.

In blue is the subject noun. In red is the subject pronoun.

This is Dave and his dog. They are walking in the park.

John and Steve are friends. They go to school together.

Steve and I are team mates. We play football together.

Susan lives in London. She works there too.

Jeff has a car. He drives to work.

A Polar Bear is white. It lives in cold places.

(Talking to my friend David) David, are you going to school today?

(Talking to my friends Roger and Simon) Roger, Simon, are you going to school today?



### Object pronouns.

In light blue is the object noun. In purple is the object pronoun.

These are used to replace the object of the sentence.

My friend is called John. I work with him.

Her name is Jane. I know her.

The house belongs to Steve and Sarah. I like to visit them.

## Reflexive pronouns

These are used when the **subject** and the **object** are the same thing or person.

I (**subject**) look at me (**object**) in the mirror. 'I' and 'me' are the same person, so we change the structure and use a reflexive pronoun.

I (**subject**) look at myself (**reflexive pronoun object**) in the mirror.

Examples:

In **light green** is the object noun. In **darker red** is the object pronoun.



**She** went to the store by **herself** (She went to the store with her)

**He** thought to **himself** "What a lovely day" (He thought to him).

Other reflexive pronouns are:

It – itself

We – ourselves

You – yourselves (plural)

They – themselves.

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