

PRONOUNS

PRONOUNS are words used instead of a noun and are one of the building blocks of a sentence. They refer to either a noun that has already been mentioned or to a noun that does not need to be named specifically. They are short words and can do everything that nouns can do. Pronouns are words like **I**, **WE**, **HE**, **MINE**, **HERS**, **ETC**. So how do we use them?

DEMONSTRATIVE PRONOUNS = words that refer to things and people. 'This' / 'these' (singular) for something that is near; 'that' / 'those' (plural) for things that are further away. They are used to show the objects to which they refer:
THIS is my house.
THAT is our car over there.
THESE are my colleagues.
THOSE are beautiful flowers over there.

SUBJECT PRONOUNS = replace the person or thing that does the action of the verb:
I live in New York
 Do **YOU** like playing tennis?
HE doesn't want to come this evening.
SHE works in London.
IT won't be easy.
WE are studying pronouns at the moment.
YOU went to Paris last year, didn't you?
THEY bought a new car last month.

OBJECT PRONOUNS = used typically as a grammatical object of a verb, or the object of a preposition.
 Give **ME** the book.
 He told **YOU** to come tonight.
 She asked **HIM** to help.
 They visited **HER** when they came to New York.
 She bought **IT** at the store.
 He picked **US** up at the airport.
 I invited **THEM** to a party.

POSSESSIVE ADJECTIVES = words that change the noun following it in order to show possession.
 I'll get **MY** books.
 Is that **YOUR** car over there?
 That is **HIS** teacher, Mr Jones.
 I want to go to **HER** store.
 He saw **ITS** big head and round eyes.
 Can we bring **OUR** children?
 You are welcome to invite **YOUR** families.
 They bought **THEIR** children some presents.

POSSESSIVE PRONOUNS = show that something belongs to someone. They are similar to possessive adjectives but the position in a sentence is different:
Possessive PRONOUNS: That book is MINE.
Possessive ADJECTIVES: That is MY book.
 That house is **MINE**.
 This is **YOURS**.
 I'm sorry, that's **HIS**.
 Those books are **HERS**.
 Those students are **OURS**.
 These are your t-shirts, those are **THEIRS**.

REFLEXIVE PRONOUNS = when the same person is the subject and object of the verb:
 I cut **MYSELF** shaving this morning.
 Why don't you buy **YOURSELF** a new car?
 He looked at **HIMSELF** in the mirror.
 She taught **HERSELF** Italian using a book.
 The washing machine switches **ITSELF** off when it's finished.
 We kept **OURSELVES** warm around the fire.
 Tell me all about **YOURSELVES**.
 Hedgehogs protect **THEMSELVES** by rolling into a ball.