

## THE PRONOUN

**A pronoun is a word used in place of a noun.** The noun the pronoun refers to is called the **antecedent**.

**Personal Pronouns.** Pronouns used in place of people's names are called **personal pronouns**.

Personal pronouns are also used to refer to things.

First Person (the person speaking): I, me, mine, we, us, our, ours

Second Person (the person spoken to): you, your, yours

Third Person (the person or thing spoken about): he, she, it, they, his, hers, its, their, theirs, him, her, them

**Compound Personal Pronouns.** A compound personal pronoun is formed by adding -self or -selves to certain personal pronouns, as follows:

First Person: myself, ourselves

Second Person: yourself, yourselves

Third Person: himself, herself, itself, oneself, themselves

**Identifying Personal Pronouns.** Underline the personal pronouns. Circle the antecedent of each pronoun and draw an arrow to it.

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2. Mr. Nelson listened to news reports on the radio, but they sometimes upset him.
3. David lost his book on Monday, but on Tuesday he found it again.
4. The chef prepared the pepper steak, but it wasn't up to his usual standards.
5. Carlos meant to bring the new flute to rehearsal, but he forgot it.
6. Janet has toured Colorado and Wyoming, and they have become her favorite states.
7. Betty washed the two blankets, and then she hung them out to dry.
8. The senators considered the bill carefully before they voted on it.
9. The club members approved the treasurer's report as soon as they heard it.
10. Jill played her flute while Lois played her guitar.

**Using Compound Personal Pronouns.** Find an acceptable compound personal pronoun for each sentence below. Write it in the space. Then draw an arrow to its antecedent.

Example: We ourselves will have to do the clean-up work.

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2. Jane hurt \_\_\_\_\_ when she fell on the gravel.
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4. He blames \_\_\_\_\_ for the failure of the expedition.
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