



# PRONOUNS

## A Defining a Pronoun

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

Monica is a brilliant girl. **She** is the favourite of all the teachers. All of **them** admire **her**.

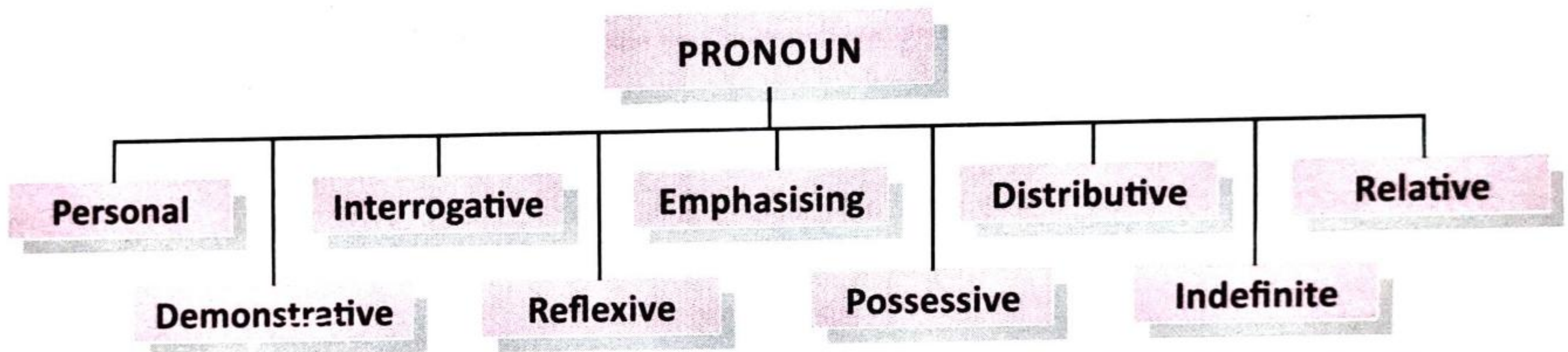
Here, the words *she* and *her* stand for the noun *Monica*. The word *them* stands for *teachers*. So *she*, *her* and *them* are pronouns.

▶ The noun which a pronoun stands for is called its **antecedent**.

In the example given above, the noun *Monica* is the antecedent of the pronouns *she* and *her*. The noun *teachers* is the antecedent of the pronoun *them*.

## B Kinds of Pronouns

The following diagram shows the various kinds of pronouns:



- ▶ **Personal pronouns** ... Pronouns that stand for persons or things (In the example above, *she*, *her* and *them* are personal pronouns.)
- ▶ **Demonstrative pronouns** ... Pronouns used to point out the object or objects they refer to  
**This** is a large house. **Those** are beautiful flowers.
- ▶ **Interrogative pronouns** ... Pronouns used to ask questions  
**Who** brought these flowers? **What** do you need?
- ▶ **Reflexive pronouns** ... Pronouns like **myself**, **yourself**, when used as the receiver of an action  
I hurt **myself**. They blamed **themselves**.
- ▶ **Emphasising pronouns** ... Pronouns used to convey emphasis  
You **yourself** chose these shoes. She **herself** called me.
- ▶ **Possessive pronouns** ... Pronouns that show possession  
These gloves are **mine**. That suit is **yours**. →



▶ **Distributive pronouns** ... Pronouns that refer to persons or things one *at a time*

**Each** of these men

**Either** of the two bags

▶ **Indefinite pronouns** ... Pronouns that stand for some noun understood or implied

**All** were satisfied.

**Many** were invited but **few** came.

The words *none, all, some, several, both, many, few, each, either, neither, anyone, everyone, someone, everybody, nobody*, are usually used as indefinite pronouns.

▶ **Relative pronouns** ... Pronouns that relate a noun to a group of words that follow

We admire the man **who** does his duty sincerely.

The medicine **which** the doctor had suggested proved effective.



### C Personal Pronouns

There are three persons: *first person*, *second person* and *third person*. The **first person** is the person speaking; the **second person** is the person spoken to; and the **third person** is the person (or thing) spoken about. The various forms of personal pronouns are:

Person	Used as a sub.	Used as an obj.	Possessive form	Reflexive or Emphasising form	Remarks
I (sing.) (plu.)	I we	me us	mine ours	myself ourselves	used for both mas. and fem.
II (sing.) (plu.)	you you	you you	yours yours	yourself yourselves	used for both mas. and fem.
III (sing.) (sing.) (sing.) (plu.)	he she it they	him her it them	his hers — theirs	himself herself itself themselves	masculine feminine neuter all genders



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## PRONOUNS

A pronoun is a word that is used in place of a noun and does the work of a noun.

E.g. - Ram is a boy He is very intelligent.

'He' is pronoun as 'he' is used instead of noun 'Ram.'

### Some examples of pronouns

i) I am a writer.

I → Personal Pronoun.

ii) All were hungry.  
All → Indefinite Pronoun.

iii) What is your name?  
What → Interrogative Pronoun

iv) I know the man who is a fighter.  
who → Relative Pronoun



v) This is my house.

This → Demonstrative Pronoun.

vi) ~~Each~~ Each soldier has a gun.

Each → Distributive Pronoun.

vii) Raj and his brother care for each other.

each other → Reciprocal Pronoun.

viii) We enjoyed ourselves.

~~ourselves~~ ourselves → Reflexive Pronoun.

ix) I myself will go.

myself - Emphatic Pronoun.

[When reflexive pronoun ~~is~~ is used for the purpose of emphasising it becomes an emphatic pronoun. It is either used just after the subject or in the mid of the sentence.]



## Exercise 1.

Underline the pronouns in these sentences and write what kind of pronoun they are.

1. He is a big fan of J.K. Rowling.  
All the Harry Potter books on that shelf are his.

2. These are the children who have been selected to represent the school in badminton.

3. Nobody knew that she herself had given these instructions.

4. I can assure you that each of these candidates is well qualified for the job.



5. She fully availed herself of the opportunities that came her way.

6. Which of your bats has been stolen? Do you suspect anybody?

7. I have full faith in each of these people. You may select any. The choice is yours.

## Exercise 2.

Complete the following dialogue between the Greek philosopher Socrates and a man who comes running to him by filling in suitable personal pronouns.



Man: Sir, \_\_\_\_\_ was just in  
the market. \_\_\_\_\_ got some  
news about one of your  
disciples. \_\_\_\_\_ would like  
to share \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_.

Socrates: Please wait. First, is  
\_\_\_\_\_ good or bad?

Man: \_\_\_\_\_ am afraid. \_\_\_\_\_ is  
painful.

Socrates: See, \_\_\_\_\_ concerns a  
disciple of mine. So it is  
a serious issue. Did  
\_\_\_\_\_ see something \_\_\_\_\_?

Man: No, Sir, \_\_\_\_\_ simple heard

Socrates: The second question,  
are \_\_\_\_\_ sure \_\_\_\_\_  
is true?

Man: Most probably \_\_\_\_\_ is false

Socrates: One last point. Will  
it be useful for \_\_\_\_\_  
to hear \_\_\_\_\_?



Man: Not really.

Socrates: If something is painful,  
most probably not true  
and not useful, why  
do ——— want ——— to  
hear ——— ?



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### Exercise 3.

Fill in the blanks with suitable articles where necessary.

1. The sooner it is done, the better it will be.
2. What a shame! You have beaten an innocent child.
3. Last Saturday, I went to the school to meet an old teacher of mine.
4. X Kalidas is usually described as the Shakespeare of X India.



5. The milk used to make this ice cream is of a pure quality.
6. X children should drink X milk every day.
7. X mankind should ~~love~~ love X nature.
8. The black and X white cow is for sale.
9. A word to the wise is sufficient.
10. He is truly a great human being but he is not the Gandhi.

→ [denoting a man having the qualities of Gandhi]

#### Exercise 4.

Insert 'a', 'an' or 'the' where necessary:

Michael Jordan has been one of the most famous players from USA. One day as <sup>a</sup> child he went home in tears and told his mother that he had not been selected in <sup>the</sup> team because he was too small. Mother said, "Son, it is not <sup>the</sup> size of a person in <sup>a</sup> game that matters but <sup>the</sup> size of <sup>a</sup> game in <sup>a</sup> person."



Michael looked puzzled, for he had not understood what mother meant. "Your small size has nothing to do with your rejection. The coach must have seen that as a player you needed to mature a lot before you could make it to <sup>the</sup> team," mother explained.

Next morning Michael woke up early and started practising. When <sup>the</sup> next season came, he tried again and made it to <sup>the</sup> team.



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