

## What are pronouns?

Pronouns are words which can replace nouns.

There are many different types of pronouns:

Personal pronouns

Possessive pronouns

Relative pronouns

Personal pronouns are words which can be used instead of a person, place or thing.

They are used to avoid repeating a word which has already been used.

If the noun that is mentioned is plural, the pronoun which is being used to replace it is also plural.

e.g. the children = they



Here are a list of the 12 personal pronouns that can be used instead of people:

it we they me

Here are the 3 personal pronouns which can be used for things:

they

them

it



Can you identify the <u>personal pronouns</u> in these sentences?

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#### **Possessive pronouns**

Possessive pronouns are words which show ownership.

They are used in the place of a noun.

They are used after the noun and cannot be used before the noun.

e.g. That jumper is **mine**.

They should not be mistaken with possessive adjectives.

Possessive adjectives are always followed by a noun

e.g. This is **your** jumper.



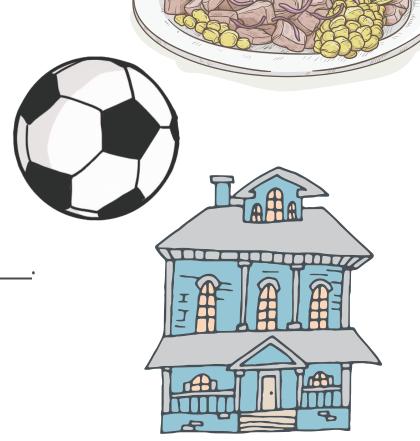
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b) I've just found this football. Is it \_\_\_\_\_?

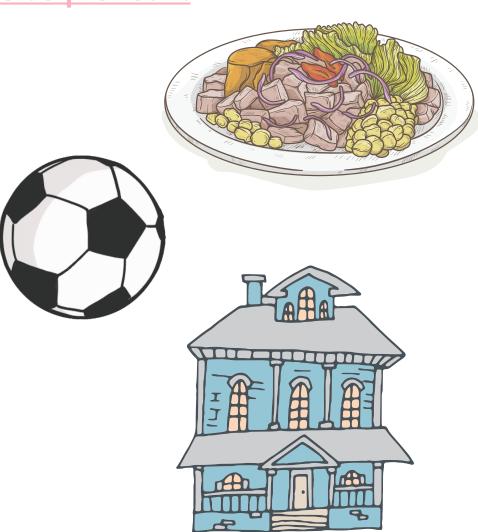
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# Possessive pronouns

Complete the sentences with an appropriate possessive pronoun.

- a) That isn't your plate. It's mine.
- b) I've just found this football. Is it yours?
- c) Ed and I just bought a new house. It is ours.



#### **Relative pronouns**

Relative pronouns are words which introduce a relative clause.

They join the relative clause to the main clause.

e.g. who, those, which, when, that

The type of relative pronoun used depends on what kind of noun is being described.

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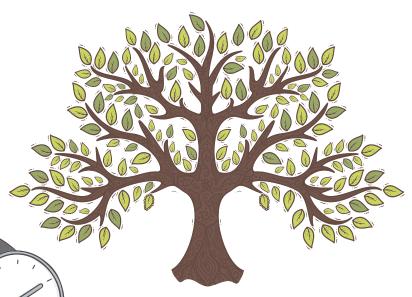
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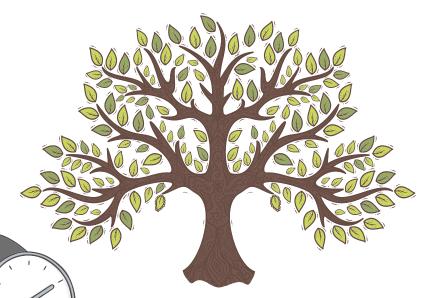
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# You try!

Write sentences about these pictures using personal pronouns, possessive pronouns and relative pronouns.

