

Pronouns

There are many types of pronouns. Here are some of the types of pronouns you will need to recognise.

Personal pronouns

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

There are 12 personal pronouns that can be used instead of people.

e.g. **I, we, him, us, they.**

There are 3 personal pronouns that can be used for things.

e.g. **they, them, it.**

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.**

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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- a) Claire heard a noise. She crept outside to see what was going on.
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- c) The snow was deep so Danny put on some wellies. They were red with white polka dots.
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Task 2: Identify who or what each of the underlined pronouns refers to in each sentence. Look at the examples to help you.

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pronoun

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adjective

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- b) The dog is owned by us. The dog is _____.
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