

Help Centres – English Support



Types of Pronouns

1. The first set of pronouns are called **subject** or **object pronouns**. We use different pronouns in a sentence depending on their position.

	Subject Pronouns	Object Pronouns
<i>1st person</i>	I	Me
<i>2nd person</i>	You	You
<i>3rd person</i>	He/She/It	Him/Her/It
<i>1st person plural</i>	We	Us
<i>2nd person plural</i>	You	You
<i>3^{rs} person plural</i>	They	Them

Examples:

- I gave **him** a present on Father's Day.
- Did **you** tell **them** to meet **us** at 5:00pm?

2. The next set of pronouns are **possessive adjectives** and **possessive pronouns**.

- **Possessive Adjectives:** Come before a noun to show that something belongs to someone (*possession*)
- **Possessive Pronouns:** These pronouns replace a noun and come at the end of a clause to show possession.

Possessive Adjectives	Possessive Pronouns
My	Mine
Your	Yours
His/Her/Its	His/Hers/Its
Our	Ours
Your	Yours
Their	Theirs

Examples:

- **My** mother is coming over today.
- Is this **their** house?
- The red pen is **hers**.
- This pen is **yours**, and the red one is **mine**.

3. The final set of pronouns are called **reflexive pronouns**. We use reflexive pronouns in the object position when the object is the same as the subject.

Myself	Yourselves
Yourself	Ourselves
Himself/Herself/Itself	Themselves

Practice:

- A) Use a **subject pronoun** as the subject of each sentence based on the word(s) in parentheses.

1. _____ works at National Bank. (Mary)
2. _____ are in the cupboard. (the cups)
3. _____ enjoy watching movies on Friday evenings. (My brother and I)
4. _____ is on the table. (the magazine)
5. _____ study French at university. (Peter, Anne, and Frank)

- B) Use an **object pronoun** as the object in each sentence based on the word(s) in parentheses.

1. Please give _____ the book. (Peter)
2. I bought _____ last week. (the car)
3. Angela visited _____ two months ago. (Mary)
4. I enjoyed listening to _____ last week. (the song)
5. Alexander asked _____ to give the book to _____. (Peter, I)

- C) Use a **possessive adjective** in the gap in each sentence based on the word(s) in parentheses.

1. That is _____ house. (Mary)
2. _____ brother lives in Calgary. (I)
3. I saw _____ new car in the driveway. (Mary and Peter)
4. Do you think _____ apartment is nice? (Peter)
5. Yesterday, _____ cat had kittens. (Mary, I)

- D) Use a **possessive pronoun** in the gap in each sentence based on the word(s) in parentheses.

1. The book is _____. (John)
2. I think we should go in _____. (The boy's car)
3. That house is _____. (Kathy)
4. Do you hear the telephone? I think it's _____. (my telephone)
5. I'm sure it's _____. (my sister and me)
6. Look at that car. It's _____. (Mary and Peter)
7. That dog over there is _____. (Henry)
8. No, that one is _____. (you)
9. Yes, that one is _____. (I)