

Other Kinds of Pronouns

There are several other kinds of pronouns besides personal pronouns. The demonstrative pronouns—this, that, these, and those—point out particular persons, places, or things. This and that are singular; these and those are plural. Demonstrative pronouns may be used alone, or they may modify nouns. (The pronoun them is not a demonstrative pronoun.)

Owen planted this tree. This is Owen's tree.

Those shoes are muddy. Those are muddy shoes.

A relative pronoun introduces a relative clause. A relative clause is a group of words with a subject and a predicate that refers back to a noun or pronoun in the main part of the sentence. Unlike a complete sentence, the relative clause cannot stand on its own. Relative pronouns include the following: who, whom, whose, which, and that. Use who as the subject of a clause and whom as the object. Use who and whom to refer to people. Use that and which to refer to a thing, not a person.

The admirer who sent the flowers included a card. (who refers to admirer)

The dog that won first place was a collie. (that refers to dog)

Underline the demonstrative pronoun in each sentence.

- 1. Are these sweaters on sale today?
- 2. Who wrote the words to that song?
- 3. That was an exception to the rule.
- 4. This résumé seems most impressive to the boss.
- 5. You shouldn't eat fatty foods, so stay away from those doughnuts.

Circle the relative pronoun in each sentence. Draw an arrow from the relative pronoun to the noun or pronoun it refers to.

- 6. The hero to whom the medal was given accepted it shyly.
- 7. The mansion that was pictured in the magazine is open to the public.
- 8. Whisper the secret password to a woman who has a red rose on her lapel.
- 9. I once visited the country from which this stamp came.
- 10. The company, which had been in business for a century, recently went bankrupt.

B Practice

Reflexive pronouns end with -self (singular) or with -selves (plural).

Singular

Plural

First person:

myself

ourselves

Second person:

yourself

yourselves

Third person:

himself, herself, itself

themselves

A reflexive pronoun reflects an action to a noun or pronoun used earlier in the sentence.

You should dress yourself in layers if you are going hiking.

Will Kim himself carry the backpack up the mountain?

Indefinite pronouns refer to people, places, and things in a general way, not to specific persons, places, or things. Some indefinite pronouns are always singular, some are always plural, and a few can be either singular or plural, depending on their use. If the pronoun refers to a single quantity, as in <u>all</u> of the book, it is singular. If it refers to plural items, as in <u>all</u> of the words, it is plural.

Singular	Plural	Either Singular or Plural
anybody, anyone, anything, each,	both, few,	all, more, most, none, some
either, everybody, everyone, everything, much, neither, nobody,	many, several	
no one, nothing, one, somebody, someone, something		

Underline the reflexive and indefinite pronouns in each sentence. On the line write *REF* for reflexive or *IND* for indefinite.

- 1. ____ Kim made herself a pot of hot, strong coffee this morning.
- 2. ____ Will everyone in the department get a raise?
- 3. ____ Al woke himself up when he snored too loudly.
- 4. ____ The generals themselves gave the order to retreat.
- 5. ____ Some of the excitement died down after the bride and groom left.
- 6. ____ Most of the people who saw the movie liked it.
- 7. ____ All of the ketchup leaked out of the cracked bottle.
- 8. _____ Bob and Jane bought themselves a plasma TV.