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Pronouns

Study the following examples:

When Sue met Ted, Sue noticed that Ted was carrying several books.

When Sue met Ted, **she** noticed that **he** was carrying several books.

The bold, underlined words in the second sentence are pronouns.

A pronouns is a word used in place of a specific noun. Pronouns refer then to a person, place, thing, or idea that has already been stated.

Personal pronouns can change form, based on the role they play in the sentence.

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| I | me | my, mine |
| you | you | your, yours |
| he | him | his |
| she | her | hers |
| we | us | our, ours |
| they | them | their, theirs |

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| I hit the ball. | Jim tanked me. | My nose is broken.  The ball is mine. |
| You ate the pizza. | Joe drove you to school. | Your book is on the desk.  Mark took your keys. |
| He changed the station. | The store fed him for free. | His name is mark.  Those shoes are his. |
| She walks to school. | Let’s pick her up. | Her dress was green.  That phone is hers. |
| We went to the zoo. | The principal called us down. | Our house is on the corner.  That order is ours. |
| They are crazy. | Pat booed them for Halloween. | Their dog bit the postman.  That rake is theirs. |

Pronouns can also be combined with the suffix –self.

* I scared myself when I waked past the mirror.
* You shouldn’t blame yourself.
* He wants to do it himself.
* She doesn’t trust herself.
* We wondered that ourselves!
* They took it upon themselves to pay the bill for all of us.

Exercises 5

1. “I can tell you which chapters the quiz will cover, “ Mrs. Halverson told the class.

I – Mrs. Halverson you – the students in the class

1. The driver had another cup of coffee before she continued her journey.

She – the driver

1. I think the bicycle has a flat tire,” reported Joe gloomily.

I – Joe

1. The students decorated the gym themselves.

Themselves – students

1. Jane asked the students to let her know when they were ready.

Her – Jane they – the students

1. Bert asked himself how he could have missed so many shots.

Himself – Bert he - Bert

1. Jane and Ida decided they would try out for the team.

They – Jane and Ida

1. Edward and Ronald are demonstrating their tricks of magic.

Their – Edward and Ronald

1. Mr. Kent said to let him know when Theresa arrives.

Him – Mr. Kent

1. Grace said she felt the part was not for her.

She – Grace Her - Grace

Exercise 6

1. The plane gained speed as the plane taxied down the runway.

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1. Christine finished the book and returned the book to the library.

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1. When Marilyn met Arthur, Marilyn told Arthur that Marilyn knew Arthur’s sister.

When Marilyn met Arthur, she told him that she knew his sister.

1. The parents of the mountain climbers prepared the parents of the mountain climbers for the bad news.

The parents of the mountain climbers prepared themselves for the bad news.

1. Roger doesn’t like the city but Roger commutes to the city every day.

Roger doesn’t like the city but he commutes to the city every day

1. Dana asked Barbara, “Will Barbara have a soda with Dana?”

Dana asked Barbara, “Will you have a soda with me?”

1. Lydia enjoys biology and astronomy because biology and astronomy explain many mysteries to Lydia.

Lydia enjoys biology and astronomy because they explain many mysteries to her.

1. The roses had hardly opened before the rose’s petals began to drop.

The roses had hardly opened before their petals began to drop.

1. Ben confessed, “Ben does not know what the sport of curling is.”

Ben confessed, “I do know what the sport of curling is.”

1. When the electrician arrived, the electrician found that several power lines had been blown down.

When the electrician arrived, he found that several power lines had been blown down.