

Lesson 3

Pronouns: Personal and Possessive;
Reflexive and Intensive

A **pronoun** is a word that takes the place of a noun, a group of words acting as a noun, or another pronoun. A **personal pronoun** refers to a specific person or thing by indicating the person speaking (the first person), the person being addressed (the second person), or any other person or thing being discussed (the third person).

| | SINGULAR | PLURAL |
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| First person | I, me | we, us |
| Second person | you | you |
| Third person | he, him, she, her, it | they, them |

A **possessive pronoun** shows possession or control. It takes the place of a possessive noun.

| | SINGULAR | PLURAL |
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| First person | my, mine | our, ours |
| Second person | your, yours | your, yours |
| Third person | his, her, hers, its | their, theirs |

Exercise 1 Tick whether the pronoun is a personal pronoun or a possessive pronoun.

I told her that it was yours.

- Carlos read the story to his younger brother.
- She brought them to the skating rink yesterday.
- They swim in their pool each day during the summer.
- Your dog is begging you to feed him.
- I lost their video somewhere between the library and my house.
- She granted us the time we needed to complete the assignment.
- You first organized the recycling campaign with their assistance.
- Can we ask her to join us for lunch?
- He played Felix in our production of *The Odd Couple*.
- Candice called them before they left for the airport.
- The snow covered the windshield of his car.
- Did you enjoy their convention as much as we did?
- Our wagon creaked under the pressure of its weight.
- We studied their arguments carefully before making our final decision.

15. Carl wrote them a letter of recommendation about her.
16. You could be mistaken about him.
17. If you don't like yours, you can have some of mine.
18. They returned to the football game before it was over.
19. I cannot decide which book she would prefer.
20. He owes her an apology for his inconsiderate remark.