

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 and can be either singular or plural. The **first person** indicates the person speaking. The **second person** indicates the person being addressed. The **third person** indicates the person or thing being discussed.

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

We are aware that **you** will be bringing **them** to the party.

A **possessive pronoun** indicates possession or ownership. It takes the place of the possessive form of a noun.

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

My coat and **your** bookbag are in **her** locker.

A **reflexive pronoun** refers to a noun or another pronoun and indicates that the same person or thing is involved. An **intensive pronoun** adds emphasis to a noun or another pronoun.

	SINGULAR	PLURAL
First Person	myself	ourselves
Second Person	yourself	yourselves
Third Person	himself, herself, itself	themselves

Reflexive: I bought **myself** a pair of jeans. Intensive: I **myself** bought a pair of jeans.

► Exercise 1 Underline each pronoun.

She glanced in the mirror and saw him behind her.

- I could tell it made no sense at all to her.
- His father runs the cafe by himself.
- Can you imagine how they felt when they saw them?
- Their burrito is a meal in itself!

5. We told her we wanted to do it ourselves.
6. The telephone was ringing off its hook.
7. Randall couldn't tell theirs from yours.
8. She told him skipping breakfast was a bad idea.
9. Did you double-check your answers as they did?
10. Give them enough time, and they will reveal their secret.
11. I myself will perform the leading role in the play.
12. You have only yourselves to blame.
13. Its shine and softness make the material very popular.
14. Their crowd spends a lot of time at the swimming pool.
15. They still had one difficult task in front of them.
16. She had been studying to become a lawyer.
17. Jason forgot to bring his volleyball, so we had to use hers.
18. You mean you found your report in the recycling bin?
19. Cars are a lot smaller than they used to be.
20. He was shocked when he learned the congresswoman herself would be attending.

► **Exercise 2** Identify what type of pronoun is in italics. Write *per.*—personal, *pos.*—possessive, *ref.*—reflexive, and *int.*—intensive. Then write *S* if the pronoun is singular and *Pl.* if it is plural.

- _____ *per., S* I'm not sure *she* understands how important it is.
- _____ 1. The large book about Alaska is *hers*.
- _____ 2. *I* had never seen anything so amazing!
- _____ 3. The coach gave the speech *herself*.
- _____ 4. Did that girl ask *you* to dance?
- _____ 5. We planned to build it *ourselves*.
- _____ 6. She took *his* order after the song stopped.
- _____ 7. What did he think *they* were doing?
- _____ 8. She watched *herself* in the mirror as she practiced.
- _____ 9. Nikki and I agreed *their* project was the best.
- _____ 10. You *yourselves* will have to decide.
- _____ 11. That silly dog followed *them* all the way home.
- _____ 12. Customers serve *themselves* from the smorgasbord.

Lesson 4**Pronouns: Interrogative, Relative, Demonstrative, Indefinite**

A **pronoun** is a word that takes the place of a noun, a group of words acting as a noun, or another pronoun. An **interrogative pronoun** is used to form a question.

who whom whose what which

Which is the correct answer?

A **relative pronoun** is used to begin some subject-verb word groups called subordinate clauses.

who whom whose whoever whomever which
whichever that what whosoever whatever

Maya is the student **who** wrote the article.

A **demonstrative pronoun** points out specific persons, places, things, or ideas.

this these that those

These are the most interesting videodiscs.

An **indefinite pronoun** refers to persons, places, or things in a more general way than a noun does.

all	both	everything	none	several
another	each	few	no one	some
any	either	many	nothing	somebody
anybody	enough	most	one	someone
anyone	everybody	neither	other	something
anything	everyone	nobody	others	

Few are ever found again.

► **Exercise 1** Underline each pronoun. In the blank, write *int.* if the pronoun is interrogative, *rel.* if it is relative, *dem.* if it is demonstrative, and *ind.* if it is indefinite.

int. Who can answer this question?

- _____ 1. What is the longest river in the United States?
- _____ 2. The Missouri, which flows 2,540 miles, is the longest river.
- _____ 3. In fact, the Missouri is one of the longest rivers in the world.
- _____ 4. How many of the world's rivers are longer than the Missouri?

- _____ 5. The Ohio River and the Missouri River, which are tributaries of the Mississippi River, flow into the Mississippi at Cairo, Illinois, and St. Louis, Missouri.
- _____ 6. Both are vital transportation routes.
- _____ 7. These, along with other smaller rivers, help make up the Mississippi River Basin.
- _____ 8. Statistics show that the Mississippi River carries almost two thirds of the country's inland freight.
- _____ 9. St. Louis, Memphis, and New Orleans are several of the cities on the river.
- _____ 10. Which is the largest state bordering the Mississippi River?
- _____ 11. A famous writer who is associated with the Mississippi is Mark Twain.
- _____ 12. Twain wrote about whatever was around his hometown of Hannibal, Missouri.
- _____ 13. The bustling life of the river was something Twain described in book after book.
- _____ 14. Nothing was closer to the writer's heart.
- _____ 15. Three books that are set on the river are *Life on the Mississippi*, *Tom Sawyer*, and *Pudd'nhead Wilson*.
- _____ 16. Twain's most famous book is one many people love.
- _____ 17. Many literary critics believe that *Huckleberry Finn* is the finest American novel.
- _____ 18. What makes the story so popular?
- _____ 19. Perhaps there is a little bit of Huck Finn in everybody.
- _____ 20. Anybody interested in America's greatest river should read Mark Twain's books.

► **Exercise 2** Complete each sentence by filling in an appropriate pronoun of the type indicated.

- _____ **This or That** _____ is a subject open for discussion. (demonstrative)
- 1. The Zaire River, _____ was known as the Congo River until 1971, flows through west-central Africa. (relative)
 - 2. _____ is the river that drains an area of the African continent known as the Congo Basin. (demonstrative)
 - 3. The area, _____ is fed annually by as much as 100 inches of rainfall, covers 1.5 million square miles. (relative)
 - 4. The Zaire River, _____ is 2,900 miles long, is of great importance to the people of the area. (relative)
 - 5. _____ of the rivers in Africa is the longest? (interrogative)