

## Using Reciprocal Pronouns

### Reading and Discussion

What is a **pronoun**?

A pronoun is a word that takes the place of a noun. You've learned that nouns name any person, place, or thing. Pronouns stand for people or things too, but they do not name them.

**Personal pronouns** are the kind of pronoun we use the most. These are pronouns such as:

- **I, me, you, they, he, she**

Another type of pronoun is called a **reciprocal pronoun**.

**Reciprocal pronouns** show that an action is two-way. It is reciprocated. The two most common reciprocal pronouns are

1. **each other**; we use this when there are just **two** people.
  2. **one another**; we use this when there are **more than two** people.
- Grandma and Grandpa care for each other.

In this sentence, **each other** shows us that two people, Grandma and Grandpa, care. Grandma cares for Grandpa, and Grandpa cares for Grandma. The action is two-way. It is **reciprocal**.

**Reciprocal pronouns** are most often used for an action or feeling. They cannot stand alone. They must have someone or something to refer to in the sentence. Reciprocal pronouns can also show possession. For example:

- The children can play with one another's toys outside.

Who plays with the toys? The children. The toys belong to each child.

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## Activities

Underline the **reciprocal pronouns** in the following sentences.

1. The children in my class gave one another gifts.
2. Marsha and Max like each other.
3. If Susan and Rebecca don't talk to each other, they can't do their homework.
4. My neighbors take care of each other's children.
5. The new puppies chase one another until they flop down.
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## Answer Key

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