

## Number Please Singular or Plural Pronouns?

### Reading and Discussion

A **pronoun** is a word that takes the place of a noun.

A **personal pronoun** takes the place of a noun that names people or sometimes things. It can be used as either the **subject** or the **object** in a sentence.

When learning about personal pronouns, it is important to learn about **case**. Personal pronouns have three cases:

- **subject**
- **object**
- **possessive**

It is also important to learn about **number**. The number of a pronoun shows whether it is **singular** or **plural**.

- Singular pronouns refer to **one** person or thing;
- Plural pronouns refer to **more than one** person or thing.

Knowing the **number** of a pronoun is important because it lets us know whether to use a singular verb or a plural verb.

- Singular pronouns are: **I, he, her, him, his, me, mine, my and she.**
- Plural pronouns are: **Our, ours, their, theirs, them, they, us, and we.**

**You** and **yours** can be either singular or plural. For example:

- **You** can play the game (singular).
- **You** are the best friends (plural).
  
- Tim and Susan, those coats are **yours** (plural)
- **Yours** is the coat with the black buttons (singular).

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## Activities

### **Activity A:** Let's Review

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ pronoun takes the place of one person or thing.
2. A \_\_\_\_\_ pronoun takes the place of more than one person or thing.
3. Name two pronouns that can be either singular or plural.

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

**Activity B:** Singular or Plural. Read the sentences below. If the underlined pronoun is singular, write **S** on the blank line. If the underlined pronoun is plural, write **P** on the blank line.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ That is my sweater.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Your bike is leaning against the fence.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ "Children, you must learn to write better," the teacher said.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ You left your book bag in my locker.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Our gym teacher made us do pushups.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Don't talk to them.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Do you want to ride with us?
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Give me the broom so I can sweep.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ I like to eat caramel apples in the fall.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ We are never late for school.

**Activity C:** Write your own sentences. Write one sentence using a singular pronoun. Write another sentence using a plural pronoun. Be creative.

1. \_\_\_\_\_.

2. \_\_\_\_\_.

**Activity D:** Write three singular pronouns that begin with the letter **m**.

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## Answer Key

### Activity A

1. A singular pronoun takes the place of one person or thing.
2. A plural pronoun takes the place of more than one person or thing.
3. Name two pronouns that can be either singular or plural. You and yours.

### Activity B

1. S That is my sweater.
2. S Your bike is leaning against the fence. (Could be plural)
3. P "Children, you must learn to write better," the teacher said.
4. S You left your book bag in my locker. (Could be plural)
5. P Our gym teacher made us do pushups.
6. P Don't talk to them.
7. P Do you want to ride with us?
8. S Give me the broom so I can sweep.
9. S I like to eat caramel apples in the fall.
10. P We are never late for school.

### Activity C

Answers will vary.

### Activity D

Write three singular pronouns that begin with the letter **m**.

**me, my, and mine.**