

Using Personal Pronouns

Reading and Discussion

What is a **pronoun**? A pronoun is a word that takes the place of a noun. You have learned that nouns name any person, place, or thing. Pronouns stand for people or things too. The difference is that pronouns do not name them.

Personal pronouns take the place of nouns that name people or sometimes things. They can be used as either the **subject** or the **object** in a sentence.

Subject pronouns are personal pronouns that are used as either the subject of a sentence or a predicate noun. **I, it, he, she, they, we, you** are often used as subject pronouns. For example:

- I rode my bike along the Little Miami River trail. **I** is the subject.

I usually comes before the verb in a sentence. If your subject has more than one person and **I** shares the subject, always put **I** last. For example:

- Aunt Sally and **I** rode our bikes along the Little Miami Trail. **Aunt Sally and I** are the subjects. We put **I** last.

When we use a personal pronoun as a predicate noun, the pronoun comes after the verb. For example:

- It was **we** who ate the cake.

We is used as a predicate noun. It comes after the verb.

Object pronouns can be used as direct or indirect objects, or as the object of a preposition. **Her, him, it, me, them, you, us** can be used as object pronouns. Object pronouns tell who or what received the action of the verb. They are often used after prepositions such as **for, to, or with**. For example:

- Grandma saw her drop the cake.
- My brother told me to give him the cake.
- Harry and Sam are riding their bikes with us.

Pronouns often come in subject and object pairs. If you find one in a sentence as the subject, you might find the next part of the pair used as the object.

- I told her to give that book to me.

Some common pairs are:

- **I/me, you/you, she/her, we/us, they/them, and he/him.**

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Activities

Activity A: Let's Review

1. _____ take the place of nouns that name people or sometimes things.
2. Personal pronouns can be either the _____ or the _____ of a sentence.
3. _____ are personal pronouns that can be used as either the subject or as a _____ noun.
4. When we use the pronoun **I**, it always comes _____ the verb in a sentence.
5. When we use a pronoun as a predicate noun, the pronoun comes _____ the verb.

Activity B: Pronoun Practice. Fill in the blanks below by using a subject pronoun.

1. _____ left my raft out on the lake last night.
2. _____ went to the camp store after the bonfire.
3. _____ always buy a candy bar to eat after lights out.
4. _____ like to walk to our tent.

Activity C: Using object pronouns. Fill in the blanks below with an object pronoun.

1. The puppy followed _____ home.
2. What will you name _____?
3. The new puppy likes to give _____ kisses on the cheek.

Activity D: What are the five ways a personal pronoun can be used in a sentence? Hint: The answers are all in this lesson.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Activity E: Write a sentence using one of the pronoun pairs listed in this lesson.

Answer Key

Activity A

1. Personal pronouns takes the place of nouns that name people or sometimes things.
2. Personal pronouns can be either the subject or the object of a sentence.
3. Subject pronouns are personal pronouns used as either the subject or as a predicate noun.
4. When we use the pronoun **I** it always comes before the verb in a sentence.
5. When we use a pronoun as a predicate noun, the pronoun comes after the verb.

Activity B

1. I left my raft out on the lake last night. (Any subject pronoun could be used with the exception of **it**.)
2. I went to the camp store after the bonfire. (Again, any subject pronoun could be used with the exception of **it**.)
3. I always buy a candy bar to eat after lights out. (Other possible choices could be **we**, **you** or **they**.)
4. I like to walk to our tent. (Other possible choices could be **we**, **you** or **they**.)

Activity C

1. The puppy followed me home. (Other choices: **her**, **him**, **you**, **them**, or **us**.)
2. What will you name him? (Other choices could be **her** or **it**.)
3. The new puppy likes to give her kisses on the cheek. (Other choices could be: **me**, **him**, **us**, **them** or **you**.)

Activity D

What are the five ways a personal pronoun can be used in a sentence?

1. Subject
2. Predicate noun
3. Direct object of a verb
4. Indirect object of a verb
5. Object of the preposition

Activity E

Answers will vary.