

**Chapter 14: The Parts of Speech****Types of Pronouns**

A **pronoun** is a word used in place of one or more nouns or pronouns. The most commonly used pronouns are **personal pronouns**.

**First person:** I, my, mine, me, we, our, ours, us

**Second person:** you, your, yours

**Third person:** he, his, him, she, her, hers, it, its, they, their, theirs, them

**Reflexive pronouns** refer back to a noun or pronoun.

myself, yourself, himself, herself, itself, ourselves, yourselves, themselves

**Relative pronouns** introduce adjective and noun clauses.

who, whom, whose, which, that

**Interrogative pronouns** begin questions.

who, whom, whose, which, what

**Demonstrative pronouns** point out a specific person, place, thing, or idea.

this, that, these, those

**Indefinite pronouns** refer to people, places, things, or ideas in general. They are often used without antecedents. Here are some common indefinite pronouns.

all, any, anybody, anyone, anything, both, each, either, everybody, everyone, everything, few, many, more, neither, nobody, none, no one, one, other, several, some, somebody, someone

**Exercise A** Underline the personal pronouns in the following sentences.

1. My teacher gave me a second chance to answer the question correctly.
2. Did you see the painting that I did for the art fair at our school?
3. My mother reminded us that we had not fed the bird all day, and it was probably hungry.
4. Cynthia and Julia took our books by mistake, and we have theirs.
5. Her father asked her to help him carry in the groceries from the car.

**Exercise B** Underline all the pronouns in the following paragraph.

What was our favorite class trip this year? Anyone in my class will tell you it was the trip to Sea World. Each of us had a favorite experience at Sea World. Mine was watching the otter show. The otters played and swam by themselves in the water while we watched. One of the otters climbed rocks and jumped from these into the water. He landed on his belly, splashing water over everyone in the front rows. Two others pushed a ball back and forth with their noses. Then the trainer gave us a bucket of fish to throw to the otters. That was fun!