

PRONOUNS

A Pronoun is a word that takes the place of a noun. It refers to a person or thing without giving the name.

There are two types of Personal Pronouns:

- (1) those used as subjects; and
- (2) those used as objects.

Personal Pronouns

	Singular		Plural	
	Subject	Object	Subject	Object
I st Person	I	Me	We	Us
II nd Person	You	You	You	You
III rd Person	He	Him	They	Them
	She	Her	They	Them
	It	It	They	Them

Reflexive Pronouns

We use the **Reflexive Pronoun** when the action of the doer goes back to himself so that the **Subject** of the sentence is the **same person** as the **object**.

Example: He has hurt **himself**.

Pronouns like 'himself' are called Reflexive Pronouns. They always end in 'self'.

Reflexive Pronouns

	Singular	Plural
I st Person	Myself	Ourselves
I st Person	Yourself	Yourselves
Third Person	Himself	Themselves
	Herself	Themselves
	Itself	Themselves

Relative Pronouns

The Relative Pronouns *take the place of Nouns or Pronouns*; and they are used to *join two sentences* about the same person or thing.

Examples of relative pronouns: *who, which, that, whom* and *whose*.

In most cases, we use *who, whose* and *whom* to make statements *about people*.

“ We use *who* to join two sentences.

Example: “The man is an artist. He drew that picture.”
“The man is an artist *who* drew that picture.”

“ We use *whose* to show possession or relationship.

Example: “That is my uncle whose son is my cousin.”

We use *which* or *that* in almost the same way as we use *who* but it refers to *things*, not human beings. There is one other difference in the way we use *who* and *which*.

After *who* we put a *verb*. After *which* we can put a *verb*, a *pronoun* or a *noun*.

Example: That is the camera *which costs* fifty dollars.
That is the camera *which he* bought. That is the camera *which John* likes.

“ We use *whom* to make a statement about human beings. It is used in place of *who* (a) when it is the object of a verb or (b) when it comes after a preposition.

Example: (a) The man *whom they caught* was sent to prison. (b) The man *to whom* you should speak is my uncle.

Exercise

Fill in the blanks with 'which', 'who', 'whom' and 'whose'.

1. The boy, _____ father is a doctor, is my best friend.
2. This is not something _____ we like to do.
3. That man, _____ left leg was amputated, suffers from diabetes.
4. The thief, _____ they caught, was sent to the prison.
5. Our friends, _____ we invited to the party, arrived rather early.
6. The girl, _____ broke the mirror, was scolded by her mother.
7. That is my uncle, _____ car was stolen.
8. That woman, _____ you saw, was my auntie.
9. Kangaroos, _____ use their pouch to carry their babies, are found in Australia.
10. The policeman, _____ caught the thief, is a very brave man.

Answer

1. whose
2. which
3. whose
4. whom
5. whom
6. who
7. whose
8. whom
9. which
10. who