Pronouns

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Plan:

•1.What is the pronoun?

•2. Types of pronouns

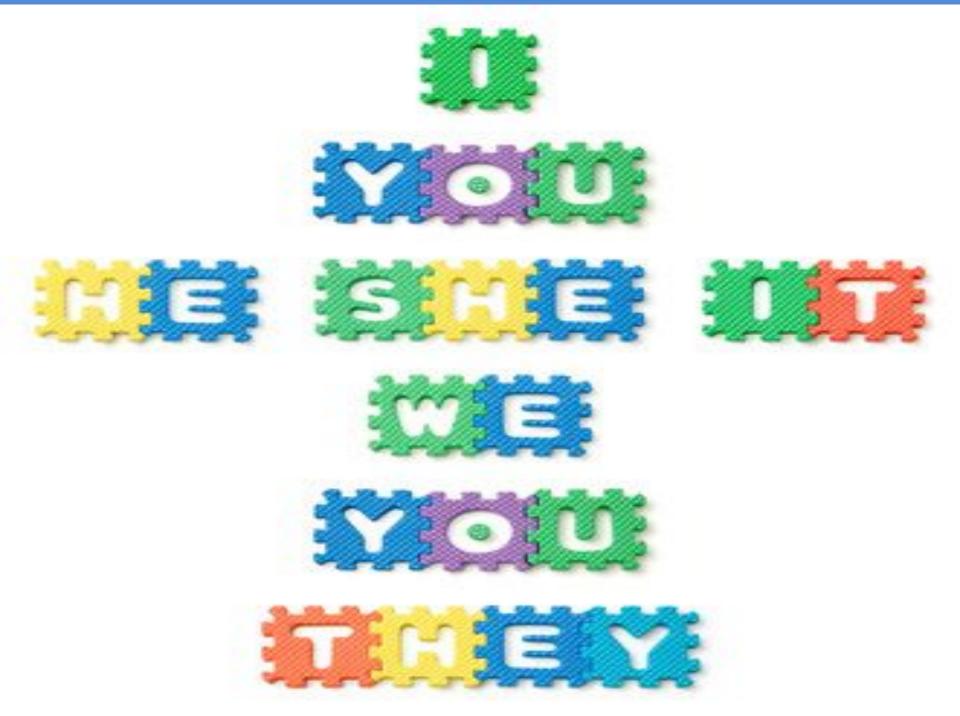
A pronoun is a word that replaces the name of a person or object(nouns).

Types of

pronouns

Personal Pronouns

Represent specific people or things.



Possessive Pronouns

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Determinants	Pronouns	Example	
My book	Mine	These books are mine	
Your necklace	Yours	The necklace is yours	
Her cat	Hers	The cat is hers	
His book	His	The books are his	
Its fur	-		
Our class	Ours	This class is ours	
Your CD	Yours	Those CDs are you	
Their house	Theirs	This house is their	

Reflexive pronoun

We use it when we want to refer back to the subject of the sentence or clause.

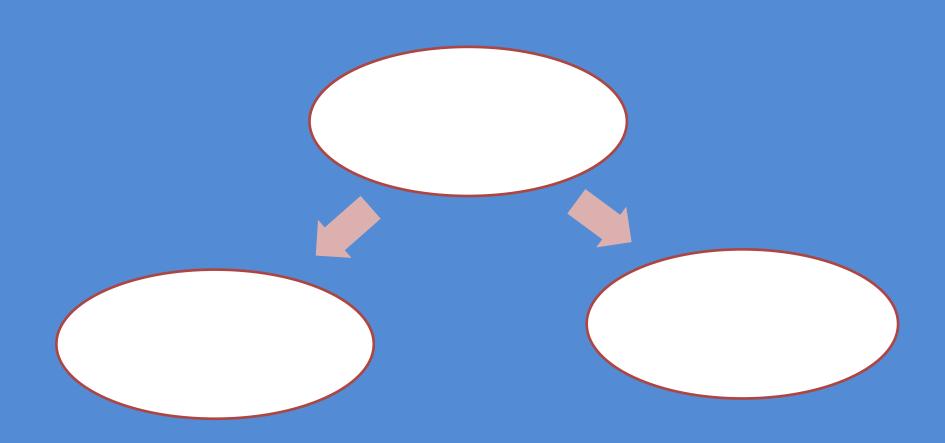
Reflexive pronoun

Singular

Myself, yourself, himself, herself, itself

plural

Ourselves, yourselves, themselves



When we use reciprocal pronouns:

There must be two or more people, things or groups involved(we cannot use it with I, you[singular],he, she, it)

■ They must be doing the same thing

A
demonstrative
pronoun
represents a
thing or things:

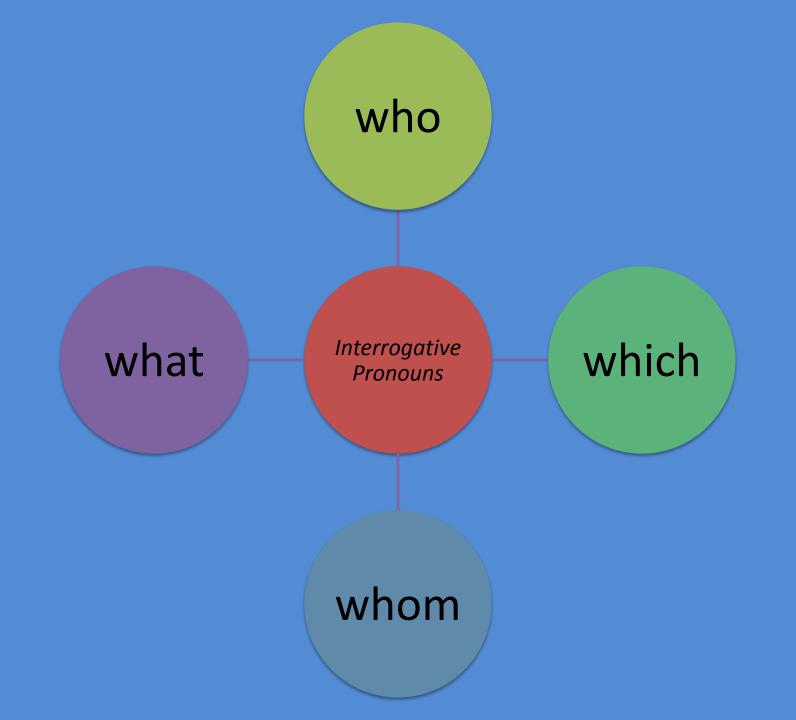
near in distance or time (this, these)

far in distance or time (that, those)

This is heavier than that.
These are bigger than those.

Interrogative Pronouns

We use interrogative pronouns to ask questions. The interrogative pronoun represents the thing that we don't know (what we are asking the question about).



Interrogative Pronouns

subject object

person who whom

• thing what

person/thing which

person whose

Conjunctive Pronouns

A conjunctive pronoun is a word that does the work of both a conjunction and a pronoun. Examples:

I like the person who I am now.

The car that hit the sign was blue.

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A negative pronoun refers to a negative noun phrase; no-one, nobody, neither, none and nothing are the negative pronouns used in English.

Indefinite Pronouns

- Compound words of some, any, no and every -

An indefinite pronoun is a pronoun that does not refer to a specific person, place, thing or idea.

Some indefinite pronouns are compound words of some-, any-, no- and every-.

Now pay attention to the following chart:

	People	Things	Places
some-	someone somebody	something	somewhere
any-	anyone anybody	anything	anywhere
no-	no one nobody	nothing	nowhere
every-	everyone everybody	everything	everywhere



How do we use these indefinite pronouns?



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- Affirmative sentences and questions when a Yes or No answer is expected:
 - e.g. Someone was sitting on the sofa.
 - Can you do something to help?

It is vague and "not definite". Some typical indefinite pronouns are:

all, another, any, anybody/anyone, anything, each, everybody/everyone, everything, few, many, nobody, none, one, several, some, somebody/someone

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