PRONOUNS

Groups

- **Personal**
- **Demonstrative**
- **Interrogative**
- **Indefinite**

Morphological categories

- **Person**
- **Number (singular, dual and plural)**
- **Case**
- **Gender (in the 3rd person singular)**

Personal pronouns of the 1st person followed a suppletive paradigm
 (in Russian and Latin:

я-меня, ego- mihi)

Declension of Personal Pronouns in OE

PERSON	CASE / NUMBER	SINGULAR			DUAL	PLURAL
1st	Nom.	ic			wit	wē
	Gen.	mīn			uncer	ūre, ūser
	Dat.	mē			unc	ūs
	Acc .	mec, mē			uncit	ūsic, ūs
2nd	Nom.	þū			ʒit	ʒē
	Gen.	þin			incer	ēower
	Dat.	þē			inc	ēow
	Acc.	þēc, þē			incit, inc	ēowic, ēow
		SINGULAR			PLURAL	
3rd		M	F	N	ALL GENDERS	
	Nom.	hē	hēo, hīo	hit	hīe, hī hȳ, hēo	
	Gen.	his	hire, hiere	his	hire, heora, hiera, hyra	
	Dat.	him	hire, hiere	him	him, heom	
	Acc.	hine	hīe, hī, hȳ	hit	hīe, hī, hȳ, hēo	

Personal Pronouns in ME and NE

PERSON	CASE	ME			Early NE	
		SINGULAR		PLURAL	SINGULAR	PLUR
1st	Nom.	Ich/I		we	I	we
	Obj.	me		us	me	us
2nd	Nom.	thou/thow		ye	thow/ye	you/ye
	Obj.	thee		you	thee/you	you
3rd		M	F	N	M F N	
	Nom.	he	he/she	hit/it	hie/they	he she it	they
	Obj.	him	hire/here	hit/it	hem/them	him her it	them

Demonstrative Pronouns in OE

CASE	SINGULAR			PLURAL
	M	F	N	
Nom.	sē, se	sēo	þæt	þā
Gen.	þæs	þǣre	þæs	þāra, þǣra
Dat,	þǣm, þām	þǣre	þǣm, þām	þām, þǣm
Acc.	þone	þā	þæt	þā
Instr.	þȳ, þon	þǣre	þy, þon	þǣm, þām

Demonstrative Pronouns in ME and NE

Middle English		New English	
SINGULAR	PLURAL	SINGULAR	PLURAL
that	tho/thos	that	those
The definite article the			
this	thise / thes(e)	this	these

Indefinite and Negative Pronouns

- Simple pronouns - 'sum' (NE 'some'), 'an' and 'ǣniʒ' (NE 'one, any'); 'nān' (NE 'none') ; ' ǣÞer ' (NE ' any of two'); ' ʒehwa ' (NE 'every')

- Compound pronouns - adding the noun 'þing' to simple pronouns: 'nānþinʒ' (NE 'nothing')

- 'ǣniʒ' - in interrogative, negative, and conditional sentences

- 'sum' - in affirmative sentences

Interrogative Pronouns

- 'hwā' (Masc. and Fem.) - NE 'who'
- 'hwæt' (Neut.) – NE 'what'
- 'hwylc' - NE 'which'
- the Instrumental case of 'hwæt' - 'hwȳ'(NE 'why')

Possessive Pronouns

Developed from the Genitive case of personal pronouns: mīn, þīn, his, hire, ēōwer

Person	ME		Early NE	
	Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
1st	myn(e)/my	our(e) / ours	my/mine	our, ours
2nd	thyn(e) / thy	your(e) / yours	thy / your / thine yours	your / yours
3rd	M F N his her(e) his hir	her(e) / their(e)	M F N his her his/its his hers his/its	their / theirs

Relative Pronouns

- Þāt
- sē, þāt, seo, sǣ
- that
- which
- whom and whose
- who