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PRONOUNS TEACHING NOTES

Exploring PRONOUNS

The Pros and Cons

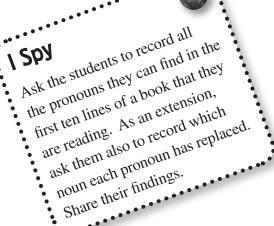
Select a piece of text and make an enlarged copy. White-out ten pronouns. Make copies for each child (or pair). Ask them to write the pronouns into the spaces. Share answers.

Variation: White-out ten nouns instead. Ask the students to fill in what the nouns might be, using the pronouns as their clue. Make sure they understand that there will be no one "right" answer for every noun missing.



Pronoun Sorts

Give pairs of students a piece of copied text or a magazine article. Ask them to cut out ten pronouns each and group them in some way (e.g., singular and plural; personal and possessive; or first-, second-, and third-person). Tell them to paste their groups on a piece of paper. Share and display their work.



Make the Connection

Hand each student two or three index cards containing nouns (singular, plural, and possessive). In turn, ask the students what pronouns they would use to replace the nouns on their cards.

e.g., boat (it), Mrs. Jackson (she), Tammy and Mia (they), Jai's (his)



Ask students to cut pictures of two people out of a magazine and paste them, facing each other, in their notebooks. Show students how to draw a large speech bubble above each person. Invite them to write what each person might be

saying to the other. Check later to see what pronouns they have used.



Personal Pronouns

Pronouns are used instead of nouns in speaking and writing. **Personal pronouns** replace the names of people and things.

I me my mine
you your yours
she her hers
he him his
it its
they their them theirs
we us our ours

- 1. Circle the pronouns in each sentence.
 - a. Pass me the biscuits, please.
 - **b.** They like jelly beans.
 - **c.** Wait for her at the bus stop.
 - d. I gave him a bag of marbles.
 - **e.** We didn't see them at the pool.
- 2. Replace the underlined noun with a pronoun, then complete the sentence.
 - a. Jane is a great tennis player.

She _____

- **b.** Maria opened the last birthday present.
- **c.** The door is a heavy wooden one.
- d. Don, Sam, and Abdul are watching television.

3. Find the pronouns and circle them.

they	me	her
we	she	them
their	us	you
your	my	he

s	m	е	r	h	е	r	р
0	t	h	е	m		0	d
w	е	Z	f	t	h	е	У
k	р	S	h	е	t	n	j
t	h	е	i	r	b	С	S
n	У	0	u	r	d	n	q
u	s	n	m	а	h	е	Χ
b	Z	h	У	S	u	W	k

4. Sketch the following.

my teddy bear	your face	our room	his pet rabbit

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NOUN	VERB	ADJECTIVE
feather	elect	familiar
kiosk	baffle	hazy
dwarf	capture	punctual
almond	publish	odd
biography	occupy	numb
anthem	mope	moody
orphan	lunge	lukewarm
nursery	vibrate	majestic
shield	applaud	jaunty
beret	whine	empty
scarf	narrate	sly
jellyfish	shuffle	stormy

Shuffle 'n' Sort Number 20