ENGLISH, LITERACY, AND COMMUNICATION

Pronouns

Difficulty level: Easy

English, Literacy, and Communication

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Overview of the concept

This is how you avoid repeating the same name over and over, like saying she scored instead of writing Maya scored every single time. A story that repeats a name in every sentence feels clumsy, while one that uses pronouns flows like natural speech. A news report, a text message, and a novel all use pronouns to keep the writing smooth. They are small words, but they are what make writing sound like a person talking instead of a list.



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Worked examples

EXAMPLE 1

Q Replace the repeated noun in: Sara said Sara would come.

SOLUTION

Find the repeated noun: 'Sara' appears twice.

Replace the second 'Sara' with the pronoun for a girl: 'she'.

So: Sara said she would come.

EXAMPLE 2

Q Replace the repeated noun in: The dogs barked. The dogs were loud.

SOLUTION

Find the repeated noun: 'The dogs' appears twice.

Replace the second 'The dogs' with the pronoun for more than one: 'they'.

So: The dogs barked. They were loud.

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Practice questions

1 Replace 'Tom' in the second sentence: Tom ran. Tom was fast.

- **A** He was fast.
- **B** She was fast.
- **C** They were fast.
- **D** It was fast.

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2 Replace 'the books' in: I read the books. The books were good.

- **A** It was good.
- **B** They were good.
- **C** He was good.
- **D** She was good.

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Which pronoun replaces 'Maria'?

A she

B he

C they

D it

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Which pronoun replaces 'the boys'?

A he

B they

C she

D it

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Replace 'my sister and I' with a pronoun.

A they

B you

C we

D he

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In 'I saw Maria at the park', which pronoun replaces 'Maria'?

A her

B she

C they

D it

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Replace the second 'Anna' in: Anna said Anna was tired.

A Anna said she was tired.

B She said Anna was tired.

C Anna said he was tired.

D Anna said they were tired.

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Which pronoun replaces 'you and your friend' when speaking to them?

A we

B you

C they

D he

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Which pronoun replaces 'the team'?

A they

B she

C it

D he

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Replace 'the pencils' in: I sharpened the pencils.

A I sharpened they.

B I sharpened it.

C I sharpened he.

D I sharpened them.

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ANSWER KEY

1. He was fast.

2. They were good.

3. she

4. they

5. we

6. her

7. Anna said she was tired.

8. you

9. it

10. I sharpened them.

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