

Recalling Pronouns

A pronoun is a word that is used in place of a noun or a group of words that acts like a noun. I, he, she, he, she, it, we, we, you, they are called personal pronouns.

E.g. Altaf told Ashraf that Altaf would help Ashraf.

*Altaf told Ashraf that **he** would help **him**.*

The words in bold are used in place of nouns. They are called **pronouns**.

The various forms of personal pronouns are:

	singular	plural
First person	I, me ,mine, myself	We, us, our, ourselves
Second person	You, your ,yourself	You, your ,yourselves
Third person	He , his, him, she, her, hers, it , himself, herself, itself	They, them, theirs ,themselves

Practice Exercise

A. Change the highlighted words in these sentences into pronouns.

a. Raju said that **Raju** had a headache.

b. Reema found an old ball. **Reema** threw the ball away.

c. The boys were unhappy .**The boys** had been punished.

B. Choose the correct personal pronouns from those given in brackets and fill in the blanks:

- a. Rajeev is more stronger than _____ (I, me) am.
- b. Can I borrow this book of _____ (your, yours) for a day?
- c. The children like _____ (their, themselves) toys.
- d. Have you seen the ship. _____ (He ,It) is really beautiful.

C. Using suitable pronouns complete the following passage.

On Sunday, all our families, that is Raju's, Sana's and mine, went on a picnic.

_____ ate a big lunch and elders went to sleep under the trees. Sana, Raju and _____ went for a walk. _____ crossed a big field. _____ heard a loud snort. A bull in the corner of the field started to chase _____. We ran very fast. There was a wired fence around the field. _____ crawled under it . Raju and I helped Sana to cross from under the fence _____ tore her frock and bruised her arms and legs. _____ families were very angry with _____. _____ had to leave the picnic and take _____ to the doctor.

D. Fill in the blanks with appropriate pronouns and underline the nouns that they stand for.

- a. This is a good book. _____ is written by Enid Blyton.
- b. Our teacher, Mrs Khan, is very gentle. _____ is kind to everyone.
- c. Meera and I are classmates. _____ are good at mathematics.
- d. Diana is a very helpful girl. I am fond of _____.
- e. Our neighbours are very friendly. Everyone likes _____.