

Pronouns

Pronouns replace nouns. Remember that a **noun** is a word that is used to identify people, places or things such as mum, village or dog (**common nouns**) or to name a particular one of these such as Susan, Thurmaston or Rover (**proper noun**)

Pronouns replace nouns. If we didn't have pronouns, we'd have to keep repeating our nouns and that would make our sentences awkward and repetitive.

For example:

Sarah went up to Sarah's bedroom. Sarah opened the door and sat on Sarah's bed.

See how much better it sounds with pronouns.

Sarah went up to her bedroom. She opened the door and sat on her bed.

Pronouns are short words like **it, she, he, you, we, they, us** and **them**.

They are used to describe either individuals or groups of people, rather than using their name or names.

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I can choose nouns or pronouns appropriately for clarity and cohesion and to avoid repetition.

Put a circle around all of the pronouns in this box, underline all of the nouns and draw a box around the proper nouns.

me	crying	Ash	dominoes
costume	Hassan	it	they
your	leggings	classroom	her
mine	them	singing	him

For each sentence, underline the noun and circle the pronoun that it has been replaced with. Look at the example:

My friend Hassan stood in front of me in his peasant costume.

1. Hassan dislikes anything to do with music and drama almost as much as he dislikes running in PE.
2. "Ooh, nice tights, Ash," said Janelle, sticking her head round the door.
3. I tried to balance my feathered cap on my head, but somehow it fell off and rolled under the art trolley.
4. I put my hands over my face to stop it twitching.
5. "Just a minor Velcro mishap. I'll sort you out, don't worry," said Hassan. He tugged at my costume for a while and patted my back reassuringly.

Now see if you can change some of the nouns to pronouns in these sentences, to make the meaning clearer.

Ash was feeling nervous. Ash was feeling so nervous, Ash found even tying Ash's shoelaces difficult. Ash's best friend, Hassan, was worried about Ash.