

# BAII

**Pronouns:  
definition, types of pronouns, notes  
on personal & possessive pronouns**

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# PRONOUNS

Pronouns are used in place of nouns, to avoid repetition. They stand for nouns.

For instance

*Rita is my cousin. Rita is a doctor. Rita lives in Delhi.*

We can rewrite the above sentences by using a pronoun in place of the noun 'Rita'.

*Rita is my cousin. **She** is a doctor. **She** lives in Delhi.*

# Kinds of Pronouns

- ▶ Personal Pronouns
- ▶ Possessive Pronouns
- ▶ Reflexive Pronouns
- ▶ Emphatic Pronouns
- ▶ Demonstrative Pronouns
- ▶ Indefinite Pronouns
- ▶ Distributive Pronouns
- ▶ Reciprocal Pronouns
- ▶ Relative Pronouns

# Personal pronouns

	Singular	Plural
First person	I	We
Second person	you	you
Third person	he/she/it	they

First person is the speaker, second person is the person spoken to and third person is the person/place/animal/thing that is neither the speaker nor the person spoken to. Personal pronouns can be singular or plural. The personal pronouns, except 'you' and 'it', have one form when they are subjects and another form when they are objects of verbs or when they come after preposition.

# Look at the following table

Subject (singular)	Object (singular)	Subject (plural)	Object (plural)
I <b>I</b> like tea.	Me Teachers like <b>me</b> .	we <b>We</b> are students.	Us I hope you help <b>us</b> .
You <b>You</b> are a student.	You I'll help <b>you</b> .	You Girls, <b>You</b> must work hard.	You Friends, I'll miss <b>you</b> .

# Table cont...

Subject (singular)	Object (singular)	Subject (plural)	Object (plural)
He/she/it <b>He/she</b> is a doctor.	Him/her/it I know him/her.	They <b>They</b> have a problem. <b>They</b> need our help.	Them I had a few books. I sold <b>them</b> .
I like Mercedes. <b>It</b> is a nice car.	I've got a new car. I like it.		

# Possessive Pronouns

I	<i>mine</i>
you	<i>yours</i>
he	<i>His</i>
she	<i>Hers</i>
it	----
they	<i>theirs</i>

- ▶ Possessive pronouns are used in place of nouns to indicate the meaning of belonging or possession. The words (in italics) in the second column of the table are possessive pronouns.
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