

# Pronoun-Noun Agreement

What Is It and Why Is It Important?



# What Is a Pronoun?

A pronoun is a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence. I am sure you have seen and used pronouns before...

I me he  
she herself  
you it that  
each few they  
many who  
whose whoever  
everybody someone

# What Is Pronoun Agreement?

We use pronouns in a sentence to refer to the noun (person, place, thing or idea). It makes our sentences flow and sound better.

This sentence has **no** pronouns. Read it aloud and hear how awkward it sounds!

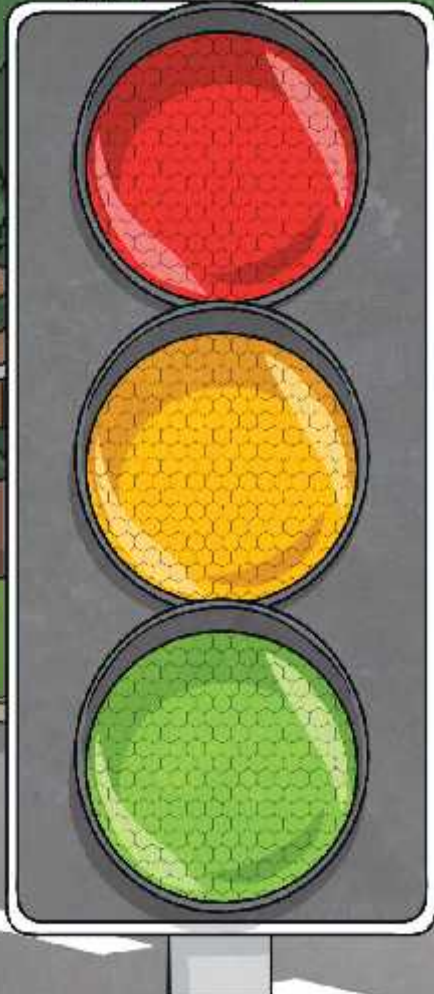
**Jake** asked if **Jake** could ride **Jake's** bike to school.

# What Is Pronoun-Noun Agreement?

We use pronouns in a sentence to refer to  
The sentence will sound much better if  
instead of repeating the same proper  
noun (Jake) over and over, we replace  
them with pronouns.

**Jake** asked if **he** could ride **his**  
bike to school.

# What Is Pronoun-Noun Agreement?



**This is why we use pronouns:**

**It stops us repeating the noun over and over and over.**

**It helps our sentences flow and be cohesive.**

**It makes our writing less awkward.**

# What Is Pronoun-Noun Agreement?

This is why we use pronouns:


have a go!

us repeating the noun  
and over and over.

Read these sentences  
aloud. Replace any nouns  
(apart from the first one)  
with pronouns to make the  
sentence flow better.


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The background features a large, stylized teal question mark in the upper center. To its left are several purple, rounded shapes of varying sizes. To its right is a green, rounded shape. In the bottom right corner, there is a detailed illustration of a sandwich with two slices of white bread, lettuce, tomato, and meat. The entire scene is set against a bright orange background with a subtle white dot pattern. The background also includes faint illustrations of trees and a blue car in the distance.

Matilda ate **her** sandwich next to  
**her** house.

**Reveal**



Rosie walked **her** dog to the park  
near **her** school.

**Reveal**





Louis and Henry rode **their** bikes  
near **their** house.

**Reveal**

# What Is Pronoun-Noun Agreement?

To use pronouns in sentences correctly, they have to **agree** with the noun they are replacing in two different ways.

Pronouns and nouns need to be in agreement in:

**Number**

and

**Gender**

# Agreement in Number

Pronouns must match the noun in number. So, if the noun is singular then the pronoun is singular. If you were writing a sentence about a single person, place, thing or idea then you could use these pronouns:

I

he

you

she

me

him

my

mine

your

it

her

yours

its

hers

# Agreement in Number

If the noun is plural then the pronoun must be plural to agree with the noun. So if you were writing about more than one person, place, thing or idea you would need to use these pronouns:

we

they

us

them

our

theirs

their

those

these

See if you can find the right pronoun for these sentences.

her is a singular pronoun

Jessica, the cat was asleep in her basket.

cat is a singular noun

**Reveal**



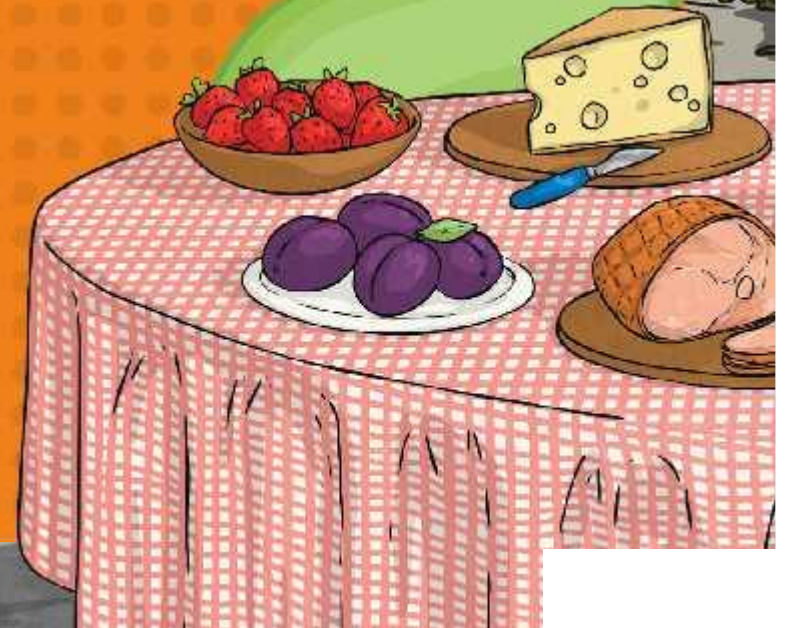
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their is a plural pronoun

The three brothers enjoyed their picnic.

brother is a plural noun

**Reveal**



See if you can find the right pronoun for these sentences.

his is a singular pronoun

Thomas enjoyed playing with his trains.

Thomas is a singular noun

**Reveal**



# Agreement in Gender

Pronouns must match the noun in gender. So, if you are talking about a female use the pronouns *her*, *hers* and *she*. If you are talking about a male use the pronoun *his*, *he* and *him*. If the noun is not male or female use the pronoun *it*.

Plural pronouns *their*, *theirs*, *they*, *them* can be used for both genders.

If you do not know the gender of the noun (but it *could be* male or female) use *he or she* or *his or hers*.



See if you can sort the pronouns into the correct gender.

**Male Pronouns**

**Male or Female  
Pronouns**

**Female  
Pronouns**

her, them, she, he, it, him, their, hers, theirs, they, his

**Answers**

See if you can sort the pronouns into the correct gender.

**Male Pronouns**

he  
him  
his

**Male or Female  
Pronouns**

they  
them  
their  
theirs  
it

**Female  
Pronouns**

she  
her  
hers

her, them, she, he, it, him, their, hers, theirs, they, his

# Agreement in Gender

If you are not sure if the pronoun you are using is correct ask yourself:

**Is the noun singular or plural?**

**Is the noun male, female, both or neither?**

# Challenge

Choose three noun pictures. Write a sentence for each that contains the noun and pronoun in agreement.



