

# Pronouns and possessives

We all helped one another

# Pronouns (1)

- We use subject pronouns (*I, you, he, she, it, we, they*) for the subject of a sentence, and object pronouns (*me, you, him, her, it, us, them*) for all other functions. When there is no verb, we use object pronouns.

*~~She~~'s taller than ~~me~~. OR ...than ~~I~~ am.*

*A: Who said that ? B: ~~Me~~. OR ~~I~~ did*

- When we use *and* to join pronouns with other words, we usually put ~~*I/me*~~ last.

*My sister ~~and I~~ decided to go*

# TIP

- We sometimes use ~~*you both, you all, you two*~~, etc, to make it clear we are talking about more than one person.

*Can ~~you two~~ please be a bit quieter?*

## Pronouns (2)

- In direct and indirect questions, we use the pronouns ~~who~~, ~~whose~~, ~~what~~ and ~~which~~ for both the subject and other functions.

*We didn't know what to do*

*Which looks better?*

*Whose are these clothes? OR Whose clothes are these?*

- In very formal situations, we use ~~whom~~ as the object form of who. If there is a preposition, we put it before

~~whom~~

*To ~~whom~~ were you talking? OR ~~Who~~ were you talking to?*

## Pronouns (3)

- The most useful pronouns for talking about people in general are ~~you, we~~ and *they*.

*~~You~~ could buy a whole farm...*

*~~We~~ need to do more to protect ~~our~~ planet.*

- In more formal situations, we can use ~~one~~ to talk about people in general.

*Does ~~one~~ need a visa to go to Cyprus ?*

*~~One~~ does one's best.*

## Pronouns (4)

- We use **it** to replace a noun with **the**, and **one** to replace a noun with **a/an**.

*~~The work~~ was hard but **it** was well-paid.*

*You could buy ~~a farm~~..., and we decided to buy **one**.*

- We can use **one** or **ones** as a pronoun with a determiner or adjective.

*I've got two brothers, an older ~~one~~ and a younger ~~one~~.*

*I guess we were among the lucky ~~ones~~. (= lucky people)*

## Pronouns (5)

- We can use most determiners (~~*e.g. this, some, both, either, neither*~~) and numbers as pronouns.

*You'll love ~~this~~ joke □ You'll love ~~this~~.*

*A: Do you want salad or soup ?*

*B: Could I have ~~both~~, please?/ **Either**. I don't mind.*

## Pronouns (6)

- We use possessive determiners (~~my, your, his, her, its, one's, our, their~~) before nouns.  
We use possessive pronouns (~~mine, yours, his, hers, ours, theirs~~) instead of nouns.

*It was hard to leave ~~our~~ friends.*

*~~Ours~~ (= our farm) was small for America.*



## Pronouns (7)

- We use reflexive pronouns (~~myself, yourself, himself, herself, itself, oneself, ourselves, yourselves, themselves~~) when the subject and object refer to the same person. We use reciprocal pronouns (~~each other and one another~~) when they refer to different people.

*We found ~~ourselves~~ in a desperate situation.*

*We all helped ~~one another/each other~~.*

- We can use reflexive pronouns as indirect objects to emphasise ‘for the same person’.

*We got ~~ourselves~~ a house.*

- We use reflexive pronouns after a noun or pronoun to emphasise a particular person or thing.

*I ~~myself~~ had been out of work for years.*

*We had lunch with the President ~~himself~~.*

# TIP

- We can use *myself* at the beginning of a sentence to emphasise that we are giving our personal opinion.

*Myself, I'd prefer to stay at home.*

# Pronouns(8)

- We form indefinite pronouns with ~~some / any / every / no + body / one / thing / where~~. Indefinite pronouns are singular.

~~Everyone was talking about the opportunities...~~

NOT Every one were talking...

- We can use adjectives or prepositions after indefinite pronouns.

*We had enough money to think about moving somewhere else.*

~~Anyone with a problem knew a friendly Irish neighbour...~~

# Pronouns(9)

- Use the pronouns ~~whatever~~ and ~~whoever~~ to mean 'it doesn't matter what/who' or 'I don't know what/who'.

*They would give them ~~whatever~~ help they needed.*

*~~Whoever~~ told you that wasn't being completely honest.*

# Possessives(10)

- To make a possessive from a noun, we add 's. We add an ~~apostrophe (')~~ to regular plurals, and we add 's to irregular plurals.

*What's the baby's name?*

*What are the babies' names?*

*What are the children's names ?*

- To make a possessive from a long noun phrase, we add 's at the end.

*We stayed ~~in my cousin and his wife's~~ house.*

We don't use apostrophes in possessive pronouns. *Is this car ~~hers~~ ? NOT Is this car hers?*

# Possessive

- We add 's to make the possessive forms of indefinite and reciprocal pronouns.

*Please don't use ~~anyone else's~~ computer.*

*... staying in ~~each other's~~ houses.*

NOT ...each other's houses.

# TIP

- We don't use an apostrophe in possessive *its*. *It's* (with an apostrophe) means it is or it has.

*What a beautiful baby! What's ~~its~~ name?*