What Is a Pronoun?

A **pronoun** is a word that takes the place of a noun or nouns.

Read this paragraph.

Ned has a busy day today. First, Ned will eat breakfast. Then, Ned will do Ned's chores. Ned will fix lunch for Ned at noon. Then, Ned will go play with Ned's friends.

Now, read the same story below. This time, notice the pronouns in bold print.

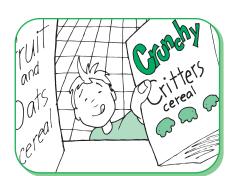
Ned has a busy day today. First, **he** will eat breakfast. Then, **he** will do **his** chores. **He** will fix lunch for **himself** at noon. Then, **he** will go play with **his** friends.



You need to state a noun before you can replace it with a pronoun. The noun is the **antecedent** for the pronoun. That means it comes before the pronoun. The antecedent for the pronouns in the story above is **Ned**.



- 1. Marcy paid for the ticket **herself**.
- 2. Anthony put his shoes on the wrong feet.
- 3. Daniel likes cats but is allergic to **them**.
- 4. Barbara returned Antonio's jacket to **him**.
- 5. Courtney loves **her** new necklace.
- 6. David wants to keep a secret from his brother but he can't.
- 7. Aiden tried to fix the toy but **it** fell apart.
- 8. Adam watched a movie by himself.



Using Pronouns Correctly (4)



Write the correct pronouns to complete these sentences.

1. If _____ pencil is broken, borrow _ you're



3. Is Alex still mad at _____?

4. The cat scratched _____ ears.

5. The neighbors and ___ _____ played street ball.

_____ never been there before.

They'd

7. This house looks newer than

8. Erin doesn't like chocolate, but _____ ate the cake anyway.

10. Dad promised my sisters and ____ that we would go to the pool.

11. I can set the table faster than _____

12. Are they finished with _____ lunch? their thev're