

# Grammar Rules! Pronouns, Prepositions, and Punctuation

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**Pronouns** take the place of already stated nouns. Pronouns can be the subject of a sentence, the object of a sentence, and show possession.

One reason to use pronouns is because:

Jordan's writing gets boring when **Jordan** constantly puts **Jordan's** name in places where **Jordan** could have put a pronoun.

Jordan's writing gets boring when **he** constantly puts **his** name in places where **he** could have put a pronoun.

1) Which are the correct pronouns?

Subject  
A girl \_\_\_\_\_ A boy \_\_\_\_\_ A thing \_\_\_\_\_

A group I belong to \_\_\_\_\_ A group someone else belongs to \_\_\_\_\_

Object  
A girl \_\_\_\_\_ A boy \_\_\_\_\_ A thing \_\_\_\_\_

A group I belong to \_\_\_\_\_ A group someone else belongs to \_\_\_\_\_

Belongs to a girl \_\_\_\_\_ Belongs to a boy \_\_\_\_\_ Belongs to us \_\_\_\_\_

Belongs to a thing \_\_\_\_\_ Belongs to a group someone else belongs to \_\_\_\_\_

2) Write 3 sentences with the name of the subject. Then rewrite each with at least one pronoun.

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3) Rewrite each sentence replacing bold nouns with pronouns

**Max** loves **Amy's** blue dolphin toy.

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**Cindy** grabbed **Tommy's** water gun and shot **Tommy** with **the gun**.

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**My family** works hard to keep **the family** garden weed free.

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4) You need to be careful when replacing nouns with pronouns. Your reader needs to be able to know which character is doing which action.

Jasmine told Janice that Jenny took **her** camera and deleted all of **her** photos.

Whose camera did Jenny take? Was it Jasmine, Janice or Jenny's camera? Whose photos were deleted?

Rewrite the sentence 3 ways to tell the reader that the camera and photos belongs to different characters.

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5) **Prepositions** tell us the location or relation of a noun to something else in the sentence. The part of the sentence that starts with a preposition is a prepositional phrase. It has a noun as the object.

***Subject predicate preposition object.***

The clock is **on** the wall.

The kitten is **under** the couch.

The TV remote is **between** the sofa cushions.

Greg wants to go **with** his family to the park.

The kitchen is **by** the living room.

Write 3 sentences with a prepositional phrase.

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6) When a sentence starts with a prepositional phrase, the object comes before the subject. You need a **comma** between the nouns or pronouns of the object and the subject.

***Prepositional phrase, subject predicate.***

**When** it is morning, I wake up.

**After** dinner, we will get ice cream.

**Where** there is smoke, there is fire.

Write 3 sentences starting with a prepositional phrase.

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## 7) Punctuation

Every sentence must have some punctuation to end and may have punctuation inside.

question mark	exclamation point	quotation mark
apostrophe	colon	period
	semicolon	comma

Ends a complete sentence \_\_\_\_\_

Indicates a pause within a sentence  
and used in personal letter greetings and salutations \_\_\_\_\_

Indicates that the sentence is a question \_\_\_\_\_

Indicates that the sentence is loud or urgent \_\_\_\_\_

Indicates dialogue (spoken words) \_\_\_\_\_

Indicates a more pronounced pause \_\_\_\_\_

Indicates possession or contraction \_\_\_\_\_

Precedes a list of items  
and used in business letter greetings \_\_\_\_\_

Write 3 sentences using punctuation other than a period.

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