

KS3 English Quiz - Pronouns 01 (Questions)

Pronouns take the place of a noun. "I", "he" and "we" are examples of personal pronouns. It's a good idea to use them to avoid repetition in your English writing.

Sometimes when you are writing and are caught up in the flow, just getting your words down, you might end up with a sentence such as this: "Sofia lifted her foot gingerly from the pavement. Sofia's shoe pulled a huge lump of chewing gum up from the pavement with the shoe, and Sofia watched as the gum stretched out to a remarkable length, tenaciously clinging both to the sole of Sofia's shoe and to the dirty pavement." Too much repetition of the name Sofia, and the word "shoe", becomes distracting here. Instead it would be better to replace "Sofia" with the pronouns "she" and "her" and "shoe" with "it" and "its". Then we would have the improved sentence: "Sofia lifted her foot gingerly from the pavement. Her shoe pulled a huge lump of chewing gum up from the pavement with it, and she watched as the gum stretched out to a remarkable length, tenaciously clinging both to her sole and to the dirty pavement." That's a bit better, isn't it?

Play this first quiz on pronouns and if you get full marks, see if you can match your score in our second quiz!

1. See if you can find the pronoun(s) in the following sentence.

James took the book; he gave it to the teacher.

- book, to
- he, it
- James, teacher
- took, gave

2. See if you can find the pronoun(s) in the following sentence.

The teacher thanked him and gave it to Bob.

- him, it
- teacher, Bob
- thanked, gave
- The, and

3. See if you can find the pronoun(s) in the following sentence.

The concert was long and it was late when it finished.

- concert, late
- it, it
- long, late
- was, finished

4. See if you can find the pronoun(s) in the following sentence.

How late was it when you left the concert?

- How, when
- it, you
- late, left
- you, the

5. See if you can find the pronoun(s) in the following sentence.

The torrential rain made him wet; he shivered with cold.

- him, he
- made, shivered
- rain, cold
- torrential, wet

6. See if you can find the pronoun(s) in the following sentence.

We didn't play football yesterday as it rained all day.

- as, all
- football, day
- play, rained
- We, it

7. See if you can find the pronoun(s) in the following sentence.

The cousins came to tea with us; we played cricket too.

- came, played
- cousins, tea
- tea, cricket
- us, we

8. See if you can find the pronoun(s) in the following sentence.

They were camping and came to us for shelter.

- and, for
- camping, shelter
- They, us
- were, came

9. See if you can find the pronoun(s) in the following sentence.

They were grateful for the hot tea mum gave them.

- grateful, for
- hot, tea
- They, them
- were, gave

10. See if you can find the pronoun(s) in the following sentence.

The rain stopped and they returned to the campsite.

- campsite
- rain
- stopped
- they

KS3 English Quiz - Pronouns 01 (Answers)

1. See if you can find the pronoun(s) in the following sentence.

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- book, to
 he, it
 James, teacher
 took, gave

Personal pronouns refer to people: for example, "you", "I", "us"

2. See if you can find the pronoun(s) in the following sentence.

The teacher thanked him and gave it to Bob.

- him, it
 teacher, Bob
 thanked, gave
 The, and

Here are more personal pronouns: "me", "he", "him", "she" and "her"

3. See if you can find the pronoun(s) in the following sentence.

The concert was long and it was late when it finished.

- concert, late
 it, it
 long, late
 was, finished

Remember that "it" is a pronoun because it takes the place of a noun

4. See if you can find the pronoun(s) in the following sentence.

How late was it when you left the concert?

- How, when
 it, you
 late, left
 you, the

Use personal pronouns for succinct writing

5. See if you can find the pronoun(s) in the following sentence.

The torrential rain made him wet; he shivered with cold.

- him, he
 made, shivered
 rain, cold
 torrential, wet

"Him" and "he" are the personal pronouns used here

6. See if you can find the pronoun(s) in the following sentence.

We didn't play football yesterday as it rained all day.

- as, all
 football, day
 play, rained
 We, it

Using "we" avoids having to write the list of everyone's names

7. See if you can find the pronoun(s) in the following sentence.

The cousins came to tea with us; we played cricket too.

- came, played
 cousins, tea
 tea, cricket
 us, we

"Us" and "we" are both personal pronouns

8. See if you can find the pronoun(s) in the following sentence.

They were camping and came to us for shelter.

- and, for
 camping, shelter
 They, us
 were, came

Using "they" means that you do not need to list all of the names

9. See if you can find the pronoun(s) in the following sentence.

They were grateful for the hot tea mum gave them.

- grateful, for
 hot, tea
 They, them
 were, gave

It can be repetitive to keep listing names; remember to substitute "they" sometimes

10. See if you can find the pronoun(s) in the following sentence.

The rain stopped and they returned to the campsite.

- campsite
 rain
 stopped
 they

"Campsite" is a noun