



Pronouns are words that **take the place of a noun in a sentence**. They **avoid** the writer having to **repeat the name of things**. There are different types of pronouns such as **possessive pronouns** and **relative pronouns**.

1. Circle the pronouns in the sentences.

- a) Claire crept out of her room so she could see what was going on.
- b) Sam heard voices coming from outside and he couldn't wait to see if they belonged to his friends.
- c) She wanted to help her friend but she didn't know how to do that.
- d) Gemma bought Claire a present. It cost her a lot of money.
- e) He didn't like the look of his lunch nor did he enjoy its smell.
- f) The snow was deep so Danny put on his wellies. They were red with white polka dots.

2. Tick whether the underlined pronouns are relative or possessive.

	Relative	Possessive
Sammy put on the coat <u>that</u> he had had for years.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
She didn't want Claire to eat all <u>her</u> chocolates.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Gemma grabbed <u>our</u> suitcases as we left.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Holly, <u>who</u> had been waiting for hours, sat down to rest her legs.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. Add the most appropriate pronoun to the sentences below.

- a) Poppy was unable to see the key that she needed to open the door.
- b) Fatima wanted to leave her party because it was beginning to get dark.
- c) The house, which/that had recently been decorated, was the talk of the neighbourhood.
- d) The walls of the castle were crumbling and ivy had begun to cover them .
- e) He was starting to feel nervous so he rang his friend.

4. Complete the table by identifying who or what each highlighted pronoun is referring to in the paragraph below.

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Sentence

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5. Rewrite the passage below changing some nouns into pronouns so it is no longer repetitive.

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