

## Personal and Possessive Pronouns

We use nouns to name things. However, if we use the same nouns too much, our writing becomes awkward and lacks cohesion. To avoid this happening, we can use pronouns.

There are personal and possessive pronouns.

### Personal pronouns

Personal pronouns replace the names of people or things. They can take the form of 'singular' pronouns – just one person or thing. They can also take the form of 'plural' pronouns – more than one person or thing.

|                 |    |    |     |      |      |     |     |    |     |    |
|-----------------|----|----|-----|------|------|-----|-----|----|-----|----|
| <b>Singular</b> | I  | me | you | they | them | she | her | he | him | it |
| <b>Plural</b>   | we | us | you | they | them |     |     |    |     |    |

### Possessive pronouns

Possessive pronouns replace the people or things that have or own something. They can also take the form of singular and plural, i.e. just one or more than one.

|                 |     |      |      |       |       |        |     |      |     |     |
|-----------------|-----|------|------|-------|-------|--------|-----|------|-----|-----|
| <b>Singular</b> | my  | mine | you  | yours | their |        | her | hers | his | its |
| <b>Plural</b>   | our | ours | your | yours | their | theirs |     |      |     |     |

1. Sort the pronouns into the correct box. Remember that personal pronouns represent people or things and possessive pronouns show ownership.

|      |       |     |     |      |      |        |     |
|------|-------|-----|-----|------|------|--------|-----|
| I    | yours | his | him | he   | you  | theirs | she |
| hers | ours  | my  | it  | them | they | we     |     |

### Personal

### Possessive



## Answers

1. Sort the pronouns into the correct box. Remember that personal pronouns represent people or things and possessive pronouns show ownership.

| Personal | Possessive |
|----------|------------|
| I        | yours      |
| him      | his        |
| he       | theirs     |
| you      | hers       |
| she      | ours       |
| it       | my         |
| them     |            |
| they     |            |
| we       |            |

2. Complete the sentences by choosing the correct pronoun.

- My sister bought a new coat last week. That coat is **hers**.
- Matt is a brilliant footballer. We are so proud of **him**.
- Tom broke my pen so **he** bought me a new one.
- They** were happy that their bus had finally arrived.
- My friend, Zina, is over there. Can you see **her**?

3. Copy the paragraph below, replacing the underlined words with appropriate pronouns.

Sienna and Paul went to the park. Sienna went on the swings first and after, she  
went on the roundabout but fell off and grazed her knee. Paul played in the sandpit.  
He built a sandcastle and even made a moat for it. Sienna and Paul played on the  
climbing frame together. They enjoyed chasing each other until home time.

