



What are pronouns?

A **noun** is a person, place or thing (eg Brian, the car, the dog, Sunita, London).

A **pronoun** is a word that can be used in place of a noun.

A **personal pronoun** is used in place of a noun that is a person or a thing.

Personal pronouns for people =	I, you, he, she, we, they me, you, him, her, us, them
Personal pronouns for things =	it, they, them

Why use a personal pronoun?

- They are useful because you don't have to repeat words.
- They can be used to talk about something or someone that you have already talked about.

For example: Elizabeth put the coat on because Elizabeth was cold.

This would be better written as: Elizabeth put the coat on because **she** was cold.

The word **she** is a personal pronoun and means 'Elizabeth' in this sentence.

This makes the sentence shorter and more interesting because you don't have to repeat 'Elizabeth'.

There are **two types** of personal pronouns:

- Subject pronouns are the 'who' or 'what' the sentence is about:
I, you, he, she, it, we, they are all subject pronouns
- Object pronouns are the 'who' or 'what' acted upon:
me, you, him, her, it, us, them are all object pronouns

For example: Elizabeth put the coat on.

In this sentence 'Elizabeth' is the subject and 'the coat' is the object.

Elizabeth is doing the action (putting on) and the coat is the thing that is 'done to' (it is the thing that she puts on).

If you wanted to repeat this information later you could say: **She** put **it** on.