

English Grammar: Pronouns Study Guide

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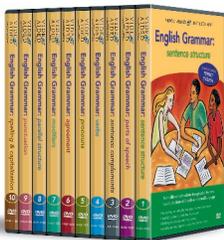
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Introduction

Video Aided Instruction's English Grammar Series makes the tricky rules of English grammar easier to learn than ever before – whether you're new to English or you've been speaking it for years!

Instead of restating our nouns over and over again, we can use pronouns like *it* and *they* to make our sentences more concise and easier to understand. But mastering this "verbal shorthand" can be tough, since there are many different types and cases of pronouns. This program will help you use pronouns properly!

Before you begin studying, let us make a few recommendations. First, have a notebook and pen ready so you're prepared to take notes. You'll probably want to use the many on-screen graphics to take notes for yourself – when you're done, you'll have a notebook on English grammar that you can refer back to again and again.

Secondly, don't forget to take advantage of your "pause" button while viewing the program. This will allow you to try to complete the exercises in this study guide before you view the answers on-screen.

Finally, don't try to absorb too much at one time. By viewing the program over a number of short sessions (instead of all at once), you'll stay "fresher" and retain more of what you learn. And don't forget: you can review the entire program, or specific sections, as many times as you need to!

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Lesson 1 – Kinds of Pronouns

Exercise 1

Directions: Read each of the following sentences. Underline each pronoun that appears in the sentence. Then decide whether the pronoun is a personal pronoun, an interrogative pronoun, an indefinite pronoun, or a relative pronoun.

1. Gordon was surprised when Angela invited him to visit her in Caracas.
2. Who do you think will win the Oscar® for Best Supporting Actor this year?
3. If Luis wants to finish painting the garage by tomorrow, he will have to convince someone to help him.
4. The inventor Thomas Edison is the historical figure whom I admire most.
5. Joanne's grandmother asked her what she wanted to do that evening.

Lesson 2 – Pronoun Case

Exercise 2

Directions: In each of the following sentences, one or more personal pronouns is needed. Using clues from the meaning of the sentence, decide whether the pronoun should be in the subjective, objective, or possessive case. Then select the correct pronoun from the choices given.

1. When Audrey's car broke down, Carlos lent (*her, she*) another.
2. A group tour is not a good vacation choice for (*us, we*), because (*us, we*) prefer traveling independently.
3. Is this bicycle (*you, yours*)?
4. By unanimous vote, the judges decided that the best debater on the team was (*he, him*).
5. Mr. and Mrs. Nkrume have invited (*I, me*) to stay for two weeks in (*their, theirs*) home in Kenya.

Lesson 3 – Using Pronoun Cases Correctly

Exercise 3

Directions: In each of the following sentences, one or more pronouns is needed. Using clues from the meaning of the sentence, decide whether the pronoun should be in the subjective or objective case. Then select the correct pronoun from the choices given.

1. No one in my town knows as much about local history as (*I, me*).
2. (*Who, Whom*) is the architect (*who, whom*) designed St. Paul's Cathedral in London?
3. When the tennis match was over, Alvin realized that winning the match had mattered more to his opponent than (*he, him*).
4. Helen of Troy was the famous beauty over (*who, whom*) the Greeks and the Trojans fought.
5. The two couples (*who, whom*) will be sharing the bungalow by the lake are the Savios and (*us, we*).