

# PRONOUNS

## What Is a Pronoun?

A **pronoun** is a part of speech that **takes the place of a noun**. The word that a pronoun **stands for**, or refers to, is called its **antecedent**.

### Examples:

A **personal pronoun** refers to nouns that name people or things.

The cell phone call is for *him*.

When a pronoun ends in the letters *-self* or *-selves*, it is known as a **reflexive** or **intensive** pronoun.

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The giraffe stretched out *its* neck.



## Try This!

1] What is the **antecedent** of the pronoun in bold print?

Marta, have **you** fed the dog yet?

- a] dog
- b] boy
- c] wolf
- d] Marta

2] Third person pronouns referring to **females** are said to be the **feminine gender**.

- a] true
- b] false

3] It is said that first-born children are hard on themselves.

Which word in the sentence is a **reflexive pronoun**?

- a] It
- b] first-b
- c] childre
- d] thems



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