

Unit 28 - Grammar

Pronouns

A **pronoun** takes the place of a noun in a sentence. There are different types of **pronouns**.

- A **personal pronoun** (**I, you, he, she, it, they, we**) replaces a person's name in a sentence.

Example: **She** is a good singer.

- A **possessive pronoun** (**mine, yours, his, hers, theirs, ours**) replaces a person's name but also shows ownership. They appear after a noun.

Examples: That lunchbox is **mine**. The car is **hers**.

A Underline the pronoun(s) in each sentence.

1. The toys are ours.
2. I would like curls like hers.
3. She made a cup of tea.
4. We are going to the park.
5. The ball isn't his.
6. Did he come home yet?
7. I prefer mine to theirs.
8. Its cries were heard everywhere.

Possessive adjectives (**my, your, his, her, their, our**) also replace a person's name and show ownership. They appear before the noun.

Examples: That is **my** lunchbox. That is **her** car.

B Underline the pronoun(s) or possessive adjective(s) in each sentence.

1. I can see your house.
2. My favourite colour is pink.
3. Look at their boots.
4. He is my brother.
5. The water gun is hers.
6. You are a great help.

C Rewrite this paragraph using pronouns or possessive adjectives. V.A.

When Frank was tidying the room he found his sister's pen. ^{He} Frank picked up ^{it} the pen and brought ^{it} the pen to ^{her} his sister's bedroom. ^{It} The pen was no use to ^{her} Frank's sister because ^{it} the pen had run out of ink. ^{It} The pen was no use to ^{him} Frank either. When ^{he} Frank was in the shop the following day, ^{he} Frank bought a new pen for ^{her} his sister. ^{He} Frank also bought a new pen for himself. Both ^{he} Frank and ^{his} Frank's sister were happy.

When using the **pronoun "I"** with another person, you always list the other person first.

Example: **My friend** and **I** like to chat.

Should you use **I** or **me** when speaking about yourself and another person?
Whichever one you would use when speaking about yourself alone is correct.

Examples:

(i) Bill and **I** went shopping or (ii) Bill and **me** went shopping?

We would say "**I** went shopping" so (i) is correct.

(i) She opened the door for Fiona and **I** or (ii) She opened the door for Fiona and **me**?

We would say "She opened the door for **me**" so (ii) is correct.

D Are these sentences correct (✓) or incorrect (X)?

1. Sheila and me go running together. ☒
2. Beth and me wrote a letter. ☒
3. My brother and I to go to bed at 9 p.m. ☒
4. They gave money to Mairéad and me. ☒
5. The lady asked Seán and I to be quiet. ☒
6. Grandad and I took the dog for a walk. ☒

Atlas holds up the world

An atlas is a book of maps, but the word "atlas" is interesting. Atlas was the name of a famous person in Greek mythology. Atlas belonged to a family of giants called the Titans. The Titans ruled the earth until they fought with the Greek gods and lost. Zeus was the leader of the gods. He decided to punish the Titans. Atlas's punishment was to hold the sky up on his shoulders. He held the sky up for many years. It was tiring work even though he was very strong.



Atlas had one opportunity to be free. A god called Hercules came to see him. Hercules needed to find some golden apples and only Atlas knew where they grew. Atlas said, "I'll get the apples if you hold up the sky while I'm gone." Soon, Atlas returned with the golden apples. He saw Hercules with the sky on his shoulders. The weight of the sky was making Hercules sweat and groan.

Who would want to take back a job like that? Atlas thought, "I could leave Hercules here and walk away. Then I would be free forever." Hercules realised what Atlas had in mind so he decided to outsmart him. "This sky is so uncomfortable!" he said. "Hold it up for a minute while I straighten my shoulders. Then I'll take it back." So Atlas took the sky from Hercules.

As soon as the weight of the sky was lifted from his shoulders, Hercules ran away. Poor Atlas had to keep holding up the sky forever. He was so long in the one place that, over time, he turned into the Atlas Mountains in northern Africa.

About 500 years ago, a Belgian man called Gerardus Mercator made a book of maps. He dedicated the book to Atlas. Ever since then, a book of maps has been called an atlas.

FUN FACTS

- ★ The word "titanic" comes from the name of the Greek giants – the Titans.
- ★ The Olympic Games are named after Mount Olympus, where the Greek gods lived.
- ★ The Atlas Mountains span three countries: Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia.
- ★ The mountain range is about four times the length of Ireland.
- ★ Jbel Toubkal, at almost 4000 metres high, is the highest mountain. It is about four times as high as Ireland's highest mountain.

A Answer the questions. P.A.

- Who were the Titans? _____
- Why did Atlas have to hold up the sky? _____
- What did Hercules need Atlas to do? _____
- Why was Hercules groaning? _____
- Where are the Atlas Mountains? _____

B Your opinion... Think, discuss and give your opinion. P.A.

- Who do you like better, Atlas or Zeus? _____ Why? _____
- Name one part of the story that you think is believable. _____
- Name one part of the story that you think is unbelievable. _____
- Name two benefits of having an atlas. (i) _____ (ii) _____
- Name three mountains in Ireland. (i) _____ (ii) _____ (iii) _____

C Imagine... Atlas and Zeus are having a conversation. Write the conversation. P.A.

Unit 28 - Word Study

A Comprehension. Read the text carefully and then answer the questions.

Gillian is two years older than Pearl, who will be fifteen in four months' time. Harry, Pearl's brother, is twice as old as his cousin Rita, and two years younger than his sister. All four have their birthday on the same day.

1.	How old is Pearl in years and months?	14 years and 8 months
2.	How old will Gillian be in four months' time?	17 years
3.	How old in years and months is Harry now?	12 years and 8 months
4.	How old will he be in four months' time?	13 years
5.	How old in years and months is Rita now?	6 years and 4 months
6.	What is the difference in age between Gillian and Harry?	4 years

B Vocabulary. Tick the sentences in which the following words are used correctly.

1.	consumed	I consumed he would be late.		I consumed the bar of chocolate.	✓
2.	punishment	The punishment was not fair.	✓	The girl was full of punishment.	
3.	conversation	We did a conversation on our garage.		I had a long conversation with my dad.	✓
4.	presence	Her presence at the meeting was noted.	✓	He always gives me excellent presence.	

C Word Structure. Add a second syllable to make a word. V.A.

1.	att/ack	4.	de/ cide	7.	re/ veal
2.	gidd/ y	5.	shoul/ der	8.	gold/ en
3.	pun/ ish	6.	straight/ en	9.	hal/ o

D Think, plan, write... Plan a debate for and against the motion "Testing on animals should be banned". Write three points supporting the motion and three points against the motion. Use some of these words. P.A.

serious diseases medical science alternative living creatures education
cruelty benefits priority beauty products animal welfare

E Teaser Time

1. The code represents the word COMPETITION. Using this code, find these hidden words:

C	O	M	P	E	T	I	T	I	O	N
7	6	5	4	3	2	1	2	1	6	8

2153	43212168	432	5173	5643	7664	213	7683
TIME	PETITION	PET	MICE	MOPE	COOP	TIE	CONE

2. Five-Minute Word Bank. In five minutes, how many words (of three or more letters) can you make using the word OPPORTUNITY? P.A.

(i)	POT	(iv)		(vii)		(x)		(xiii)	
(ii)		(v)		(viii)		(xi)		(xiv)	
(iii)		(vi)		(ix)		(xii)		(xv)	

A Vocabulary. Match the related words. Use each word only once.

myth mountain Morocco magnificent marsupial
monster Mercator map Mars maximum

1.	scary creature	monster	6.	untrue story	myth
2.	creator of the first atlas	Mercator	7.	plan of an area/country	map
3.	very high land	mountain	8.	a planet	Mars
4.	country in Africa	Morocco	9.	upper limit	maximum
5.	wonderful	magnificent	10.	koala, kangaroo	marsupial

Score **B** Comprehension. Based on information from "Atlas holds up the world", are these sentences true (✓) or false (✗)?

1.	Atlas was famous in Greek mythology.	✓	6.	Hercules wanted some juicy oranges.	✗
2.	Atlas held up the sky as a punishment.	✓	7.	The atlas was invented 2000 years ago.	✗
3.	The Titans ruled the earth.	✓	8.	Atlas belonged to a family of fairies.	✗
4.	Zeus was the Titan leader.	✗	9.	The Atlas Mountains are in Asia.	✗
5.	The Olympics are named after a mountain.	✓	10.	They are about four times the length of Ireland.	✓

Score **C** Grammar. Underline the pronouns. Write whether they are personal pronouns (PERS), possessive pronouns (POSS) or possessive adjectives (PA).

- The first name on the list is mine. POSS
- That is her toy. PA
- The small blue tent is ours. POSS
- Tomorrow is my twelfth birthday. PA
- You should always be polite and say please. PERS

Score **D** Dictation. A passage will be read aloud. Write the text accurately.

Score **E** Spelling. Ten words will be read aloud. Listen and write them correctly.

1.		6.	
2.		7.	
3.		8.	
4.		9.	
5.		10.	

Score