

Using Pronouns in Writing

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Hello, students! Today, we're going to review and practice some grammar skills with a focus on an often under-appreciated part of speech: pronouns!

For today's Do Now, turn and talk to a partner seated next to you about the following question: What do you remember from previous years about pronouns?

First... Some Notes!

Read over this [article](#) on pronouns. List *at least three* important facts about pronouns you found in it in the text box below.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Now, watch this short [video](#) about pronouns. List *at least another three* facts about pronouns from the video (no repeating information from the article!)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Class Challenge!

*With your table, read the following paragraph. Then, **highlight** as many pronouns as you can find. Your goal is for your group to find the most pronouns before the timer goes off.*

From the novel *Artemis Fowl* by Eoin Colfer

"Although she was enjoying the night air, Holly could taste traces of pollutants. The Mud People destroyed everything they came into contact with. Of course they didn't live in the mud anymore. Not in this country, at least. Oh no. Big fancy dwellings with rooms for everything--rooms for sleeping, rooms for eating, even a room to to to the toilet! Indoors! Holly shuddered. Imagine going to the toilet inside your own house... If anyone had told her a hundred years ago that humans would be taking the fertile out of fertilizer, she would have told them to get some air holes drilled in their skull."

Reflect:

Why is it useful and important to include pronouns in your writing? Write a few thoughts in the text box below.

Language Evolves... This can be seen in how we use pronouns today.

Pronouns have become a source of debate for grammar enthusiasts. On and off throughout the history of the English language, one pronoun, in particular, has been the center of several disagreements in writing guides and among educators and editors: singular they.

Explore the following resources, and fill out the graphic organizer in the box below. You do not have to read or watch every single one in the time given, but you should aim to explore at least 2.

- This [overview](#) of gender neutral pronouns
- This [article](#) on the benefits of using gender neutral pronouns
- NPR’s [piece](#) on the historical uses of singular they (you can listen or read the transcript of it)
- This high school GSA created a [video](#) talking about pronouns and etiquette when supporting nonbinary peers

What I’ve learned	Reactions I have	Questions I have