

THE USE OF PERSONAL PRONOUNS (I, you, she, he, it, we, they, etc.).

Personal pronouns can be used in different ways. Here are the four standard ones. (This information has been adapted from a Le Chat (Mistral) query (10 October 2025)).

1/ Subject Pronouns: where the personal pronoun is the subject of the sentence:

Pronoun	Example Sentence
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I	I love reading.
You	You are my friend.
He	He runs fast.
She	She is a doctor.
It	It is raining.
We	We are going home.
They	They play soccer.

2/ Object Pronouns: here the pronoun is the object of a verb (experiencing the action).

Pronoun	Example Sentence
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Me	She called me .
You	I like you .
Him	We saw him at the park.
Her	I gave her a gift.
It	He fixed it .
Us	They invited us .
Them	I helped them .

3/ Possessive Pronouns to indicate the ownership of something (who/what it belongs to).

Pronoun	Example Sentence
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Mine	The book is mine .
Yours	Is this pen yours ?
His	The bag is his .
Hers	The idea was hers .
Its	The cat licked its paw.
Ours	The house is ours .
Theirs	The decision is theirs .

4/ Possessive adjectives: they come before the noun, and they take the gender of the owner/the possessor!

Adjective	Example Sentence
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My	My car is blue.
Your	Your keys are on the table.
His	His dog is friendly.
Her	Her phone is new.
Its	Its tail is fluffy.
Our	Our team won!
Their	Their house is big.

5/ Reflexive pronouns: they refer back to the subject of the sentence (used for emphasis).

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Myself	I hurt myself .
Yourself	You should believe in yourself .
Himself	He talked to himself .
Herself	She introduced herself .
Itself	The cat cleaned itself .
Ourselves	We enjoyed ourselves .
Themselves	They helped themselves .

Key Notes:

- **"You"** can be singular or plural.
- **"It"** is used for objects, animals, or sometimes babies when the gender is unknown.
- **"They"** is often used as a gender-neutral singular pronoun (e.g., "Someone left their bag.").

Would you like examples or clarification on any of these?

To practice the use of these pronouns, you can use:

1/ the exercises in the Paris 1 Epigram
<https://cours.univ-paris1.fr/mod/quiz/view.php?id=1405980>

2/ Exercises available here on the website englisch-hilfen.de which provides excellent grammar explanations and exercises.

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