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What is Pronouns

Pronouns: The Words That Replace Nouns!

DEFINITION

> Pronouns are words that take the place of nouns in a sentence. They help avoid repetition and make sentences smoother.

KEY CONCEPTS

Personal Pronouns

These refer to specific people or things, like 'I', 'you', 'he', and 'she'.

Possessive Pronouns

These show ownership, such as 'mine', 'yours', 'his', and 'hers'.

Demonstrative Pronouns

These point to specific items, like 'this', 'that', 'these', and 'those'.

Reflexive Pronouns

These refer back to the subject, including 'myself', 'yourself', and 'themselves'.

Indefinite Pronouns

These refer to non-specific items or people, such as 'everyone', 'somebody', and 'few'.

EXAMPLES

→ She loves ice cream.

→ This is my book.

→ They went to the park.

MEMORY TIPS

★ Think of pronouns as 'stand-ins' for nouns.

★ Remember: 'P' in pronouns can stand for 'person' or 'place'.

★ Use the acronym 'P-P-D-R-I' to remember the types: Personal, Possessive, Demonstrative, Reflexive, Indefinite.

COMMON MISTAKES

✗ Using the wrong pronoun (e.g., 'Him went to the store' instead of 'He went to the store').

✗ Confusing 'its' and 'it's'.

✗ Not matching pronouns with the correct noun in number (singular vs. plural).

QUICK RECAP

Pronouns are essential for making sentences clear and avoiding repetition. Remember the different types of pronouns and their uses to enhance your writing and speaking skills.