

## Focus

A **pronoun** is a word that **takes the place** of a **noun** (**pro** means in **place of**). It is possible to divide pronouns into **three sets**.

|  |                     | Singular<br>(only one)               | Plural<br>(more than one) |
|--|---------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| We use these when we are speaking about <b>ourselves</b> . | 1st person pronouns | I me<br>my mine                      | we us<br>our ours         |
| We use these when we are speaking <b>to</b> others.        | 2nd person pronouns | you<br>your yours                    | you<br>your yours         |
| We use these when we are speaking <b>about</b> others.     | 3rd person pronouns | he him his<br>she her hers<br>it its | they them<br>theirs       |

## Check it out

1. Copy the table below. Fill in the missing pronouns.

|                     | Singular                                      | Plural                |
|---------------------|---|-----------------------|
| 1st person pronouns | I _____<br>_____ mine                         | _____ us<br>our _____ |
| 2nd person pronouns | you<br>your _____                             | you<br>_____ yours    |
| 3rd person pronouns | _____ him _____<br>she _____ hers<br>it _____ | they _____<br>_____   |

## Objectives

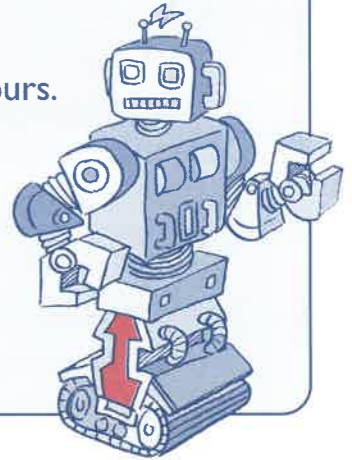
- ~ to identify pronouns and understand their functions in sentences
- ~ to distinguish the 1st, 2nd and 3rd person forms of pronouns



## Practice

Rewrite each sentence below. Underline the 1st person pronouns in each sentence in blue. Underline the 2nd person pronouns in green and the 3rd person pronouns in red. The first one has been done for you.

- I put my pens down but I could not find them anywhere.
- Don signed his name on the paper.
- When Sam was ready, she put on her coat.
- The children picked up their bags when they were ready to go home.
- “You should know better,” she said to the child.
- “Give me your hand, you silly boy,” the lady said to her son.
- “Where did you go on holiday?” Mrs Jones asked her neighbours.
- I am tall but she is taller. Are you very tall?
- When the jockey got on his horse, it raced off.
- The robot turned its head when it went out.



## Challenger

- Copy each sentence from the ‘Practice’ section again. After each pronoun, say if it is in the singular or plural.  
Do it like this: I (singular) put my pens down but I (singular) could not find them (plural) anywhere.

So – what have you learned about pronouns?