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**Darnell Rock Reporting**  
 Grammar: More Kinds of  
 Pronouns

# Indefinite Pronouns

An **indefinite pronoun** takes the place of a noun. It can stand for a person, place, or thing. The noun that it stands for is unclear or not identified.

**indefinite pronoun**

Someone wrote a letter to the city council.

**Thinking Question**

*What pronoun refers to a person or thing that is not identified?*

**Activity Circle the correct pronoun for each sentence.**

1. (All, Every) of us wanted to go swimming this summer.
2. However, (someone, something) decided to close the city pool.
3. We asked if (nobody, anyone) on the city council could reopen the pool.
4. The council members said there was (everything, nothing) they could do.
5. We decided to search for (someone, somewhere) else to go swimming.
6. (Everyone, Everything) looked for another place.
7. But we couldn't find (everywhere, anywhere) to go.
8. So we decided to do (something, nothing) else instead.

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# Possessive Pronouns

A **possessive pronoun** shows ownership. Possessive pronouns like *mine, yours, its,* and *ours* can stand alone and take the place of a noun. Other possessive pronouns such as *my, your, its,* and *our* come before a noun.

**possessive pronouns**

The speech was his and not hers.  
My friends came to the meeting.

**Thinking Question**

*What is the pronoun in the sentence that shows ownership?*

**Activity Underline the possessive pronouns.**

1. The donation that helped start the shelter was mine.
2. Shepherd's pie is our favorite dinner at the shelter and spaghetti is theirs.
3. Those plates and cups are ours.
4. This seat is yours if you want to join us.
5. Jose made the chicken, and the salad was his, too.
6. Alice brought her sister with her tonight.
7. I know this bag is mine because its zipper is broken.
8. Sometimes people forget their hats or scarves when they leave.

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# Interrogative Pronouns

An **interrogative pronoun** replaces a person, place, or thing in a question. Some interrogative pronouns are *who*, *what*, and *which*.

## interrogative pronouns

Who wanted to start a community garden?

### Thinking Question

What pronoun begins the question in this sentence?

**Activity** Write an interrogative pronoun to complete each question.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ planted the flowers in the garden?
2. \_\_\_\_\_ does she grow there?
3. \_\_\_\_\_ helped her take all the weeds out?
4. \_\_\_\_\_ is the best time of year to plant seeds?
5. \_\_\_\_\_ is the tallest plant you've ever grown?
6. \_\_\_\_\_ of these flowers does she like most?
7. \_\_\_\_\_ does she plan to grow next?
8. \_\_\_\_\_ would like to help me start a vegetable garden?

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# Commas and Semicolons

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Grammar: Spiral Review**Compare how commas and semicolons are used.**

<b>Commas in a series</b>	The town needs people to plant trees, rake leaves, and pick up trash.
<b>Commas setting off introductory word or words</b>	Well, nobody told him he couldn't write a letter to the editor.
<b>Commas setting off <i>yes, no,</i> or direct address</b>	Yes, I believe we should all help keep our town clean.
<b>Semicolons to separate items in a series</b>	The following people were scheduled to speak: three builders, who spoke about building code violations; Ms. Sanchez, the librarian, who spoke about library funding; Mr. Fisher, a gardener, who spoke about improving the community garden.

**1-7. Read each sentence. Add commas or semicolons where they are needed.**

- Lana James and Maria were on time for the meeting.
- The girl urged the city council to do the following: to support the students, who need a good education support the teachers, who need a new parking lot and support the community.
- Yes we should all look out for the elderly in our community.
- Oh I think Mona would make an excellent city councillor.
- Mr. Boroshok Mr. Williams and half of the city had turned out for the meeting.
- Well not everyone is cut out for public speaking.
- No Nasser will not give up his job at the animal shelter.