

Application and Reasoning

Step 2: Recognising Pronouns

National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 4: (4G1.5) [Choosing nouns or pronouns appropriately for clarity and cohesion and to avoid repetition](#)

English Year 4: (4G1.5) [Appropriate choice of pronoun or noun within and across sentences to aid cohesion and avoid repetition](#)

Terminology for pupils:

- (4G1.5) [pronoun](#)
- (4G1.5a) [possessive pronoun](#)

Differentiation:

Questions 1, 4 and 7 (Application)

Developing Find pronouns in a single-clause sentence and identify them as personal or possessive. Includes singular pronouns only.

Expected Find pronouns in a multi-clause sentence with coordination and identify them as personal or possessive. Includes singular and plural pronouns.

Greater Depth Find pronouns in a paragraph of multi-clause sentences with subordination and identify them as personal or possessive. Includes singular and plural pronouns.

Questions 2, 5 and 8 (Reasoning)

Developing Explain whether a singular pronoun is referring to a certain noun in a single-clause sentence.

Expected Explain whether a singular or plural pronoun is referring to a certain noun in a multi-clause sentence with coordination.

Greater Depth Explain whether a singular or plural pronoun is referring to a certain noun in a multi-clause sentence with subordination.

Questions 3, 6 and 9 (Reasoning)

Developing Find and explain the mistake in a single-clause sentence containing only singular pronouns.

Expected Find and explain the mistake in a paragraph containing multi-clause sentences with coordination, and singular and plural pronouns.

Greater Depth Find and explain the mistake in a paragraph containing multi-clause sentences with subordination, and singular and plural pronouns.

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1a. Place the pronouns from the sentence below in the correct place on the table.

I needed to find my phone.

Personal	Possessive



A

1b. Place the pronouns from the sentence below in the correct place on the table.

He really loved his treehouse.

Personal	Possessive



A

2a. Sunil has been reading the sentence below.

Jack got great marks in his exam.

He says,



I think the underlined pronoun is referring to the exam.

Is he correct? Explain why.



R

2b. Eva has been reading the sentence below.

Nina had to use her calculator

She says,



I think the underlined pronoun is referring to the calculator.

Is she correct? Explain why.



R

3a. Find and explain the mistake made with a pronoun in the sentence below.

This game is me favourite one.



R

3b. Find and explain the mistake made with a pronoun in the sentence below.

Ella fired your best shot.



R

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4a. Place the pronouns from the sentence below in the correct place on the table.

Marty and I were angry, yet we still decided to forgive our parents.

Personal	Possessive



A

4b. Place the pronouns from the sentence below in the correct place on the table.

Lynn and Kyle raced for their bus, but they missed it by seconds.

Personal	Possessive



A

5a. Jacob has been reading the sentence below.

Ella and Nadia loved their new shed, but its door was difficult to open.

He says,



I think the underlined pronoun is referring to the door.

Is he correct? Explain why.



R

5b. Milly has been reading the sentence below.

Ravi and Sammi were happy with the plans for their party and it went very well.

She says,



I think the underlined pronoun is referring to Ravi and Sammi.

Is she correct? Explain why.



R

6a. Find and explain the mistake made with a pronoun in the sentences below.

“Look at what they have!” exclaimed Oliver to his brother. “Those people over there are lucky for they have caught a big fish!”



R

6b. Find and explain the mistake made with a pronoun in the sentences below.

“Mikey can come with me,” said the second group. He quickly grabbed his bag and went off to join his new team.



R

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7a. Place the pronouns from the paragraph below in the correct place on the table.

Before he could go to school, Jonny had to feed his hamsters. They loved to eat carrots and munch their hay.

Personal	Possessive



A

7b. Place the pronouns from the paragraph below in the correct place on the table.

Even before they had begun their task, she could tell that her partnership with Mark was not going to end well.

Personal	Possessive



A

8a. Harry has been reading the sentence below.

“Even though the children frustrate me, I am amazed by the progress they are making,” gushed Shelley.

He says,



I think the underlined pronoun is referring to the children.

Is he correct? Explain why.



R

8b. Bea has been reading the sentence below.

“It’s mine, not yours!” howled Lucas, even though he knew that Ash was supposed to have some cake too.

She says,



I think the underlined pronoun is referring to Lucas.

Is she correct? Explain why.



R

9a. Find and explain the mistake made with a pronoun in the sentences below.

“Will you be my partner?” Liz asked Ryan. “Since you live next door to me, there should be lots of opportunities for them to meet up and design the poster.”



R

9b. Find and explain the mistake made with a pronoun in the sentences below.

Mandy and Liam were wandering to the shops when he both spotted a fancy car. “Listen to the sound of that car,” said Liam. “It’s the most amazing thing I’ve ever heard!”



R

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Developing

1a.

Personal	Possessive
I	my

2a. Sunil is incorrect. The pronoun 'his' is referring to Jack e.g. Jack's exam.

3a. The pronoun 'me' has been used incorrectly. It should be the possessive pronoun 'my'.

Expected

4a.

Personal	Possessive
I	our
we	

5a. Jacob is incorrect. 'Its' is a singular possessive pronoun. It tells us that door belongs to the shed e.g. the shed's door was difficult to open.

6a. The pronoun 'them' has been used incorrectly. It should be 'they' e.g. "Look at what they have!"

Greater Depth

7a.

Personal	Possessive
he	his
they	their

8a. Harry is incorrect. 'I' is a singular personal pronoun, so it must be referring to Shelley, who is the speaker.

9a. The plural personal pronoun 'them' is third person. As Liz is speaking, it should be the first person plural personal pronoun 'us'.

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Developing

1b.

Personal	Possessive
he	his

2b. Eva is incorrect. The pronoun 'her' is referring to Nina e.g. Nina's calculator.

3b. The pronoun 'your' has been used incorrectly. It should be the possessive pronoun 'her'.

Expected

4b.

Personal	Possessive
they	their
it	

5b. Milly is correct. 'Their' is a plural possessive pronoun. It tells us that the party belongs to Ravi and Sammi e.g. Ravi and Sammi's party.

6b. The pronoun 'me' has been used incorrectly. It should be the plural pronoun 'us' e.g. "Mickey can come with us."

Greater Depth

7b.

Personal	Possessive
they	their
she	her

8b. Bea is incorrect. Lucas is the speaker, so the possessive singular noun he would use is 'mine', so 'yours' must refer to Ash.

9b. The singular personal pronoun 'he' has been used incorrectly. It should be the plural personal pronoun 'they'.