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All Kinds of Pronouns: Introduction

Pronouns are pretty useful words. It would sound very strange to say:

Box A

"Rumpelstiltskin got Rumpelstiltskin's book from the tree, and when Rumpelstiltskin was done reading, Rumpelstiltskin found out Rumpelstiltskin's walking stick had been stolen. Rumpelstiltskin yelled, 'A person that I can't identify swiped Rumpelstiltskin's stick!'"

That's way too repetitive! So, instead we replace the name with **pronouns**, and it flows much better:

Box B

"Rumpelstiltskin got *his* book from the hole in the tree, and when *he* was done reading, *he* found out *his* walking stick had been stolen. *He* yelled, 'Somebody swiped my stick!'"

All but one of them refer to Rumpelstiltskin—we call them **definite pronouns**. Pause now and circle the pronoun that does not refer to Rumpelstiltskin. The one you circled refers to an unknown person, so we call it **indefinite** (meaning, undefined). If you circled "somebody" you got it right!

Of the pronouns in box B, some show ownership referring to an object that is owned by Rumpelstiltskin. Pause now and underline those. If you underlined the two instances of "his" you got it right! Those are called **possessive pronouns**.

Relative pronouns work together with other words within a sentence to help define something else. In the example below the relative pronoun is in italics and the related words are underlined.

Box C

Rumpelstiltskin demanded, "*Whoever* took my stick is going to have to pay me \$10 for it, which is very generous because I love that stick!"

Use the table below to review three kinds of pronouns, then use it as a reference to answer the questions below.

Kind of Pronoun	Definition	Examples
Indefinite	Indefinite pronouns don't reference anything or anyone in particular - they are vague.	<i>all, another, any, anybody/anyone, anything, each, everybody/everyone, everything, few, many, nobody, none, one, several, some, somebody/someone</i>
Possessive	Possessive pronouns refer to a specific owner or owners.	<i>my, mine, our, ours, its, his, her, hers, their, theirs, your, yours</i>
Relative	A relative pronoun is used to connect a clause or phrase to a noun or pronoun .	<i>who, whom, which, whoever, whomever, whichever, that</i>

Circle the Pronoun in Each Sentence	Circle the Kind of Pronoun
I know the person who made my slime.	Indefinite Possessive Relative
All of the people in my class are cool.	Indefinite Possessive Relative
The green book is mine , hers is in her backpack.	Indefinite Possessive Relative