

Indefinite Pronouns - Notes

These are pronouns that do not refer to specific words. They do not always have definite antecedents.

Example: Someone needs to grab the lunch basket.

Example: Everyone wants to go to the game tonight.

Example: Very few people become astronauts.

someone somebody anyone anybody everyone everybody something no one either each few several both others many all some
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Now You Practice

Directions: *Underline the indefinite pronoun in the sentence. Then underline the correct pronoun in the parentheses.*

1. Several of the students in Mrs. Thelen's and Mrs. Duflo's classes were picking out (his or her, their) favorite plays.
2. Each was asked to give (his or her, their) reasons for choosing that play.
3. Both of the teachers had a hard time selecting (his or her, their) favorite plays.
4. Surprisingly, no one else chose *Sleeping Beauty* as (his or her, their) favorite play.
5. However, many chose *The Good Years* because (he or she, they) liked comedies.
6. Incredibly, nobody in the class lost (his or her, their) temper during the voting.

Reflexive Pronouns – Notes

These pronouns reflect the action of the verb back upon the subject. Reflexive pronouns end in -self or -selves.

Example: The *basketball player* wanted to make the basket herself.

Example: It can be difficult if you do it by yourself.

himself herself myself itself yourself ourselves yourselves themselves
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Now You Practice

Directions: choose the correct reflexive pronoun within each sentence.

1. I (myself, yourself) am a very talented artist.
2. You are not allowed to do that by (yourself, themselves).
3. Several of them decided to do it by (ourselves, themselves).
4. Jessica taught (herself, himself) how to knit within a matter of hours.
5. Occasionally, he likes to go to the gym by (hissself, himself).