

# Pronouns— He Said What?

## What is a pronoun?

- ◆ pro = for. Therefore, a pronoun stands in *for* a noun. It takes the place of a noun.

## There are five types of pronouns.

- ◆ personal
- ◆ relative
- ◆ indefinite
- ◆ demonstrative
- ◆ reflexive

**PERSONAL PRONOUNS** can act as **subjects** and **direct objects**.

Personal Pronouns			
Subjects		Objects	
<b>I</b>	enrolled in Spanish II.	Jacky praised	<b>me.</b>
<b>You</b>	missed dinner.	My mother likes	<b>you.</b>

**PERSONAL PRONOUNS** can also act as **possessives**.

Personal Pronouns as Possessives			
<b>My</b>	check came.	The check is	<b>mine.</b>
<b>Your</b>	new car is here.	The new car is	<b>yours.</b>

## Pronouns as Subjects

- Because pronouns take the place of nouns and a noun can be the subject of a sentence, a pronoun can also be a **subject that performs action or is described in a sentence**.
- If you want to make the subject of a sentence a pronoun, you can use a personal, indefinite, or demonstrative pronoun.

<b>Personal</b> pronouns are a clear individual or thing.	<b>She</b> wanted to join the club.
<b>Indefinite</b> pronouns are not specifically any person or thing.	<b>Anyone</b> can join our team.

**Demonstrative** pronouns point out or signal out a particular person or thing. They demonstrate or show.

***That** is my coat.*

### Pronouns as Objects Receive Action

**Personal:** *Mayor Rodriguez called **me** last night.*

**Indefinite:** *Fran knows **somebody** who can speak Creole.*

**Demonstrative:** *Pointing to the roses, he said: "I want **these**."*

### Pronouns in Compound Objects

Writers are sometimes confused about which pronoun to use when the object contains a noun and a pronoun or more than one pronoun. The next two examples use the **wrong** pronouns.

- **Freddie challenged Angelo and I to a game.**
  - (Incorrect: "I" is a subject, a doer of action, but "I" is used as an object, a receiver of action)
- **Evelyn called Sonia and she.**
  - (Incorrect: "she" is a subject, a doer of action, so "she" can't be called)

What are the correct versions?

- *Freddie challenged Angelo and **me** to a game.*
- *Evelyn called Sonia and **her**.*