Pronouns

How Can We Avoid Repetition?

Repetition is when something that is said or written is used over and over again, for example:

Gary ate **supper** when **Gary** got home. **Gary** enjoyed his **supper**.

After its first use, instead of repeating 'Gary' and 'supper', we could replace further uses with pronouns to avoid repetition, such as:

Gary ate his **supper** when **he** got home. **He** enjoyed his **food**.

noun	noun	pronoun	pronoun	alternative noun

We can also replace the noun 'supper' with another noun which means the same thing (or simply use 'it').

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These are all examples of pronouns:

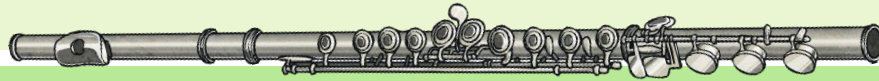|		
yourself	**Pronouns**	his
themselves	it	our
I	they	who
you	mine	which
he	yours	that
she	theirs	myself

Spot the Pronouns

Read the sentences below, discuss and identify the **pronouns**.
There could be more than one.

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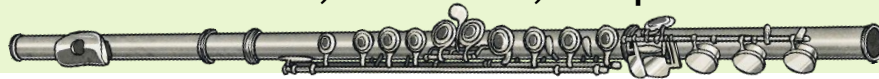cards over the summer break.

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Were you able to spot the **pronouns** which take the place of a noun?

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Replacing Nouns

Read the sentences below and discuss which nouns could be replaced with **pronouns** to avoid repetition.

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Sam was clever because Sam loved reading.

When the Collins arrived, the Collins realised that the suitcase was not the Collins' suitcase.

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Is there more than one **pronoun** which could make sense?

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