

Personal and Possessive Pronouns

Nouns are essential because we use them to name things. However, if we use the same nouns too much then writing becomes clunky and then the writing lacks **cohesion**. To stop this from happening we use pronouns.

Personal Pronouns

Personal pronouns replace the names of people or things:

Singular:	I	me	you	he/she	him	her	it
Plural:	we	us	you	they	them		

Re-write the paragraph below replacing most of the names with personal pronouns.

James went to the dinner hall. James ordered lasagna, chips and beans. James added a bottle of water to his tray and a flapjack. James went to pay. After paying, James went to a table to sit down. But James didn't make it: James tripped over his own feet and James emptied the whole tray of food in to a man's lap. It was the headteacher.

Possessive Pronouns

Possessive pronouns replace the people or things that have or own something:

Singular:	my	mine	your	yours	her	hers	his	its
Plural:	our	ours	your	yours	their	theirs		

Re-write the paragraph below replacing most of the names with possessive pronouns.

James couldn't believe James's bad luck. He stood rooted to the spot not being able to do or say anything. James's cheeks were red with embarrassment. The headteacher also didn't know what to say or do. Several seconds passed, although it seemed longer. The headteacher stood up. James still couldn't do or say anything. He gripped on to James's tray as if James's life depended on it. Luckily one of the dinner staff has seen what had happened and came over with a cloth. It allowed James to back out of the dinner hall and in to the corridor. He hoped he wouldn't see the headteacher again for a long time. Long enough for James to get over James's embarrassment.