

Application and Reasoning

Step 1: Pronouns

National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 4: (4G1.5) [Choosing nouns or pronouns appropriately for clarity and cohesion and to avoid repetition](#)

Differentiation:

Questions 1, 4 and 7 (Reasoning)

Developing Explain what or who the personal pronoun is referring to in a simple sentence. Word bank included.

Expected Explain what or who the personal pronoun is referring to in a second sentence. No word bank included.

Greater Depth Explain what or who the reflexive pronoun is referring to. More complex sentences and vocabulary included.

Questions 2, 5 and 8 (Application)

Developing Replace repeated nouns with personal pronouns to improve a sentence.

Expected Replace repeated nouns with personal pronouns to improve a paragraph.

Greater Depth Replace repeated nouns with a wider range of personal and possessive pronouns to improve a paragraph.

Questions 3, 6 and 9 (Application)

Developing Correct the personal pronouns within a sentence.

Expected Correct the personal and possessive pronouns within a paragraph.

Greater Depth Correct a wider range of pronouns within a paragraph.

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1a. What is the word 'him' referring to in the sentences below?

Hassim's cousin taught him how to ride a bike.

bike

Hassim

cousin

Explain your answer.



R

1b. What is the word 'her' referring to in the sentence below?

Mia's dad bought her a new book to read.

book

dad

Mia

Explain your answer.



R

2a. Improve the sentence below by including pronouns to avoid repetition.

Matt raced for the bus because Matt had got up late and was afraid that he would miss the bus.



A

2b. Improve the sentence below by including pronouns to avoid repetition.

Asha was upset because Asha had lost a pencil and the pencil had been a present from her Gran.



A

3a. Correct the pronouns in the sentence below.

My team wanted to win the race, so me drove my car as quickly as mine could and us won.



A

3b. Correct the pronouns in the sentence below.

Asif tried to catch the ball but she slipped through his fingers and his dropped them.



A

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4a. What is the word 'they' referring to in the sentences below?

Some children like to play outside. They enjoy breathing in the fresh air.

Explain your answer.



R

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4b. What is the word 'it' referring to in the sentences below?

Kai's new phone arrived today. It was a present from his dad.

Explain your answer.



R

5a. Improve the paragraph below by including pronouns to avoid repetition.

Jack met Sunil at the cinema. Jack and Sunil had come to watch an action film. Jack and Sunil had been wanting to watch the action film for ages.



A

5b. Improve the paragraph below by including pronouns to avoid repetition.

Gemma loves her bike. Gemma has had the bike for a while now. Gemma's parents bought the bike for Gemma because her parents liked the colour.



A

6a. Correct the pronouns in the paragraph below.

My dog is hilarious. His chases his own tail and runs after the cat. Patch is definitely a favourite pet of me.



A

6b. Correct the pronouns in the paragraph below.

The seagulls were circling overhead. Them were after my chips. My will have to eat they quickly!



A

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7a. What is the word 'themselves' referring to in the sentences below?

Chico and his friends had ordered themselves a huge pizza and were devouring it while they watched the thriller.

Explain your answer.



R

7b. What is the word 'itself' referring to in the sentences below?

The unreliable, old printer had turned itself on and was currently spewing out page after page of nonsense.

Explain your answer.



R

8a. Improve the paragraph below by including pronouns to avoid repetition.

Toby picked up the kittens and held the kittens in his arms. Toby wished that the kittens were Toby's so Toby could cuddle the kittens every day.



A

8b. Improve the paragraph below by including pronouns to avoid repetition.

Rosie got on her bike and raced down the track. Rosie rode Rosie's bike over the ramps but the bike managed to get a puncture in the bike's front tyre.



A

9a. Correct the pronouns in the paragraph below.

I'd decided to give me a rest after completing my homework; unfortunately, my mum had other jobs to give I as her didn't have time to do them themselves.



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9b. Correct the pronouns in the paragraph below.

The explorers had got himself lost. Luckily, them had got their emergency phone with him so their could ask for help from the mountain rescue team.



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Developing

1a. 'him' is referring to Hassim because he is the object of the sentence.

2a. Matt raced for the bus because he had got up late and was afraid that he would miss it.

3a. My team wanted to win the race, so I drove my car as quickly as I could and we won.

Expected

4a. 'They' is referring to the children who are the subject of the previous sentence.

5a. Jack met Sunil at the cinema. They had come to watch an action film. They had been wanting to watch it for ages.

6a. My dog is hilarious. He chases his own tail and runs after the cat. Patch is definitely a favourite pet of mine.

Greater Depth

7a. 'themselves' is referring to Chico and his friends as they are the subject of the sentence.

8a. Toby picked up the kittens and held them in his arms. He wished that they were his so he could cuddle them every day.

9a. I'd decided to give myself a rest after completing my homework; unfortunately, my mum had other jobs to give me as she didn't have time to do them herself.

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Developing

1b. 'her' refers to Mia because she is the object of the sentence.

2b. Asha was upset because she had lost a pencil and it had been a present from her Gran.

3b. Asif tried to catch the ball but it slipped through his fingers and he dropped it.

Expected

4b. 'It' is referring to the phone which is the subject of the previous sentence.

5b. Gemma loves her bike. She has had it for a while now. Gemma's parents bought it for her because they liked the colour.

6b. The seagulls were circling overhead. They were after my chips. I will have to eat them quickly!

Greater Depth

7b. 'itself' is referring to the printer which is the subject of the sentence.

8b. Rosie got on her bike and raced down the track. She rode her bike over the ramps but it managed to get a puncture in its front tyre.

9b. The explorers had got themselves lost. Luckily, they had got their emergency phone with them so they could ask for help from the mountain rescue team