

# Grammar: Pronouns

## *Overview*

A pronoun is a word that stands in place of a noun. Examples in English include: I, them, that, these, which, what.

Pronouns have the same range of endings as nouns, so decline, changing with case, gender and number.

There are a range of pronouns available in Latin, following a few basic patterns.

The following table summarises the main pronouns you will come across, their official terms and their meaning.

Information on how these pronouns are declined can be found in the pages on common pronouns and personal pronouns.

### Summary of pronouns and related words

<b>Latin</b>	<b>title</b>	<b>translation</b>
hic, haec hoc	demonstrative adjective	this, these
ille, illa, illud	demonstrative adjective	that, those
is, ea, id	demonstrative adjective/pronoun	he, she, it
ego me mei mihi me	1st person personal pronoun	I, me ...
tu te tui tibi te	2nd person personal pronoun	You (s)
nos nostrum/-i, nobis	1st person pl. personal pronoun	We, us ...
vos, vestrum/-i, vobis	2nd person pl. personal pronoun	You (pl)
se sui sibi se	3rd person reflexive pronoun	him, them etc.
meus, -a, -um	1st person possessive adjective	my
tuus, -a, -um	2nd person possessive adjective	your (s)

noster, nostra, nostrum	1st person pl. possessive adjective	our
vester, vestra, vestrum	2nd person pl. possessive adjective	your
suus, -a, -um	3rd person reflexive possessive adjective	his, hers, its, their own
qui, quae, quod	relative pronoun	who, what
qui, quae, quod?	interrogative adjective	which? what?
quis, quid?	interrogative pronoun	who? what?
aliquis, aliquid	indefinite pronoun	someone, anyone
aliqui, aliqua, aliquid	indefinite adjective	someone, anyone
quis, quid	indefinite pronoun	someone, anyone
quisquam, quidquam	indefinite pronoun	someone, anyone
quiquam, quaequam, quidquam	indefinite adjective	someone, anyone

## *Common pronouns*

### ***qui quae quod - who / what / which***

	<b>Singular</b>			<b>Plural</b>		
	<b>m</b>	<b>f</b>	<b>n</b>	<b>m</b>	<b>f</b>	<b>n</b>
nom.	qui	quae	quod	qui	quae	quae
acc.	quem	quam	quod	quos	quas	quae
gen.	cuius	cuius	cuius	quorum	quarum	quorum
dat.	cui	cui	cui	quibus	quibus	quibus
abl.	quo	qua	quo	quibus	quibus	quibus

### **hic haec hoc - this**

	<b>Singular</b>			<b>Plural</b>		
	<b>m</b>	<b>f</b>	<b>n</b>	<b>m</b>	<b>f</b>	<b>n</b>
nom.	hic	haec	hoc	hi	hae	haec
acc.	hunc	hanc	hoc	hos	has	haec

gen.	huius	huius	huius	horum	harum	horum
dat.	huic	huic	huic	his	his	his
abl.	hoc	hac	hoc	his	his	his

### is ea id - he, she, it

	Singular			Plural		
	m	f	n	m	f	n
nom.	is	ea	id	ii	eae	ea
acc.	eum	eam	id	eos	eas	ea
gen.	eius	eius	eius	eorum	earum	eorum
dat.	ei	ei	ei	eis	eis	eis
abl.	eo	ea	eo	eis	eis	eis

### ille illa illud - he, she, it - 'that one'

	Singular			Plural		
	m	f	n	m	f	n
nom.	ille	illa	illud	illi	illae	illa
acc.	illum	illam	illud	illos	illas	illa
gen.	illius	illius	illius	illorum	illarum	illorum
dat.	illi	illi	illi	illis	illis	illis
abl.	illo	illa	illo	illis	illis	illis

### iste, ista, istud - 'that (xxx) one'

	Singular			Plural		
	m	f	n	m	f	n
nom.	iste	ista	istud	isti	istae	ista
acc.	istum	istam	istud	istos	istas	ista
gen.	istius	istius	istius	istorum	istarum	istorum
dat.	isti	isti	isti	istis	istis	istis
abl.	isto	ista	isto	istis	istis	istis

## *Personal pronouns*

### **1st person singular**

<b>Case</b>	<b>Latin</b>	<b>Translation</b>
Nom.	ego	I
Acc.	me	me
Gen.	mei	my
Dat.	mihi	to me
Abl.	me	by, with, from me

### **1st person plural**

<b>Case</b>	<b>Latin</b>	<b>Translation</b>
Nom.	nos	we
Acc.	nos	us
Gen.	nostrum/ noster	our
Dat.	nobis	to us
Abl.	nobis	by, with, from us

### **2nd person singular**

<b>Case</b>	<b>Latin</b>	<b>Translation</b>
Nom.	tu	you
Acc.	te	you
Gen.	tui	your
Dat.	tibi	to you
Abl.	te	by, with, from you

### **2nd person plural**

<b>Case</b>	<b>Latin</b>	<b>Translation</b>
Nom.	vos	you
Acc.	vos	you
Gen.	vestrum / vester	your

Dat.	vobis	to you
Abl.	vobis	by, with, from you

### 3rd person singular

Case	m	f	n	Translation
Nom.	is	ea	id	he/she/it
Acc.	eum	eam	id	him/her/it
Gen.	eius	eius	eius	his/hers/its
Dat.	ei	ei	ei	to, for him/her/it
Abl.	eo	ea	eo	by, with, from him/her/it

### 3rd person plural

Case	m	f	n	Translation
Nom.	ei / ii	eae	ea	they
Acc.	eos	eas	ea	them
Gen.	eorum	earum	eorum	of them/their
Dat.	eis	eis	eis	to, for them
Abl.	eis	eis	eis	by, with, from them

## *Examples drawn from the exercises*

Identify the pronoun in each sentence or phrase, and translate it.

The number after each question indicates the exercise from which it has been drawn, so that you can look at the example in context.

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|---|--------------------|
| 1. sicut et nos dimittimus debitoribus nostris. | <i>Exercise 2</i>  |
| 2. sed iam me ipse ... condemno.                | <i>Exercise 7</i>  |
| 3. huic uni domino usque serviamus.             | <i>Exercise 8</i>  |
| 4. ...inter se occurrentes ...                  | <i>Exercise 10</i> |
| 5. magnoque hi sunt apud eos honore.            | <i>Exercise 11</i> |
| 6. haec poena apud eos est gravissima.          | <i>Exercise 11</i> |
| 7. ...ipsius urbis pulchritudo ...              | <i>Exercise 10</i> |
| 8. te ... amo.                                  | <i>Exercise 8</i>  |
| 9. illum ... versant                            | <i>Exercise 6</i>  |

10. ...quae non venerit ....

*Exercise 8*