

How to use PRONOUNS

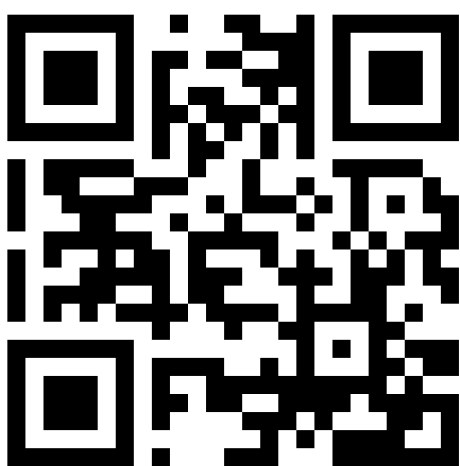
What are pronouns?

Pronouns are how we refer to one another. They're a key part of how we express our personal identity.

Ones you may be familiar with are
she/her/hers
he/him/his
they/them/theirs

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Pronouns and Gender Neutral Language Resource



she/her/hers/herself

She is the queen of caffeinated all-nighters and library adventures with her laptop in hand.

he/him/his/himself

He, the master of midnight pizza runs, proudly displays his degree top his messy desk.

they/them/theirs/themself

They complete their offbeat study sessions with their group of besties.

it/it/its/itself

It enjoys spending time in the university's art studio, with it's funky paintings.

Blended Pronouns

they/
she

he/
they



How gender-neutral language has evolved around the world



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ze/zim/zirs/zimself

Ze takes unconventional lecture notes to help zim get through this humdrum course.

fae/faer/faers/faerself

Fae found faerself 'flying' to faer university's aviation program.

Languages other than English

French: 'iel', 'yel', 'ielle' are used similarly to the English gender neutral 'they'.

Mandarin Chinese: Subject pronouns 'he' and 'she' use the same pronunciation 'tā', but differ in their written form (he: 他 ; she: 她). To express 'they', 'X也' (X yě) is gaining popularity.

Spanish: Replacement of the 'o' or 'a' at the end of a gendered noun with an 'e' or an '@' can signify gender neutrality. ('señore', 'señor@')

While gender-inclusive language alternatives aren't officially recognized by all Language Academies or dictionaries, they're still valid. Respecting pronouns creates a safer, more inclusive environment for everyone.