



Personal Pronouns

A **pronoun** can replace a noun—a person, place, thing, or idea—in a sentence. A personal pronoun can be identified by its “person.”

- *First person* refers to the speaker or the writer. The personal pronouns used are *I* or *we*.
- *Second person* refers to the person or people being spoken to or written to. The personal pronoun used is *you* for both one person and more than one person.
- *Third person* refers to the person or people being talked about or written about. The personal pronouns used are *he*, *she*, *it*, and *they*.

PRACTICE

Identify the “person” used in each paragraph.

Paragraph #1

When I was young, my best friend and I enjoyed skipping rocks. We would walk down to Miller’s Pond and look for smooth, flat rocks. When we found the perfect rocks, we would take turns skipping the rocks across the pond. Once, I even skipped a rock fifteen times. My friend skipped one rock eighteen times! It was a fun way to spend an afternoon.

Person: _____

Paragraph #2

Sisters and brothers are such pains! They are always getting into stuff and causing problems. Sisters leave their dolls and play clothes on the living room carpet. Brothers leave their toy trucks and toy soldiers under the blankets and all over the front lawn. Sisters and brothers are so messy!

Person: _____

Paragraph #3

Getting an education is one of the most important things you can do. Research shows that the more education you receive, the more money you will earn over your lifetime. The best thing that you can do is to stay in school, graduate from a college or a trade school, and earn a good living to support yourself and your family.

Person: _____

WRITE ON!

On a separate sheet of paper, write a paragraph in either the first, second, or third person. Exchange papers with a classmate. Ask the classmate to read the paragraph and identify the person used in the paragraph.