

## PRONOUNS VS. PROPER NOUNS

Students often confuse proper nouns and pronouns because they sound alike; however, they are completely different! (Click here for a free tutorial explaining this concept.)

**PROPER NOUN**-A proper noun names a specific person, place, or thing.

It begins with a capital letter.

Examples: Erica, Scruffy, North Carolina, McDonald's

**PRONOUN**-A pronoun replaces a noun.

Examples: I, you, me, he, she, it, they, we, our, him, himself, herself, them, themselves

For example:

**Sharron** is a nice person.



**She** is also a great cook.

Sharron is a PROPER NOUN; it names a specific person.

She is a PRONOUN; it replaces the noun Sharron.

Directions: Underline the pronouns once and the proper nouns twice. Circle the common nouns.

1. Shawn is my name; I live in Dallas.
2. Scruffy is such a cute little dog; he is also very obedient.
3. I am going to Subway for lunch; it is a great restaurant.
4. Why are you looking at me?
5. The cat in the window is looking at me.
6. Erica was very hungry; she ate a large pizza.
7. Jason, Anthony, and Jasmine live in Montana; they love cold weather.
8. I bought some Jolly Ranchers; they are so good to me.

On the back of this paper, write five sentences. Make sure each sentence includes a proper noun and a pronoun. Underline the pronouns once and the proper nouns twice.

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