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**Practice with Pronouns**

**Exercise 1:** *Replace the underlined nouns/ noun phrases with the correct* *subjective personal pronoun.*

1. Maria and Carlos play tennis.
2. My house has got a garden and a garage.
3. John lives in a very big house.
4. My sister plays the guitar every day.
5. My cat is playing with the ball.
6. Peter and I are watching TV.

**Exercise 2:** *Choose the correct personal pronoun.*

1. I saw \_ .
* her
* she
1. Give it to \_ .
* they
* them
1. He took \_ .
* it
* them
* either could be used
1. \_ arrived on time.
* them
* they
* either could be used
1. What did \_ say?
* her
* she
* either could be used
1. I saw you and \_ there.
* she
* her
1. My brother and \_ went there.
* Me
* I

**Exercise 3:** *Complete the sentences using possessive adjectives*

1. The boy likes … school.
2. Mary sees … mother every day.
3. My friends bring … children to our place on Saturdays.
4. The cat eats … food quickly.
5. I often forget … keys.
6. We bring … pencils to class.
7. Men usually bring … wives to the party.
8. She likes to give presents to … grandchildren.
9. I want to buy … flat. How much do you want for it?
10. I thank you for the flowers; it was kind of you to remember … birthday.
11. We have a very big balcony at the front of … flat.
12. Who is that girl you work with? I can never remember … name.

**Exercise 4:** *Complete the sentences using possessive pronouns.*

1. Here is your coat. That is not … . (not my coat)
2. Philip likes his job, but Lucy does not like … much.
3. Put that down; it is not … .
4. His salary is higher than … , but my work is more interesting than … .
5. We lived in their house for a month and they lived in … . Our house is much smaller than … .

**Exercise 5:** *Complete the sentences using reflexive pronouns.*

1. The cat nearly killed ………… when it ran across the road.
2. I enjoyed ……….. at the party.
3. He always looks at ………… in the mirror.
4. We helped …………… to the coffee.
5. The woman accidently hurt ………….. with the knife.
6. The two of you should not do that; you will hurt …………… .
7. He paid for ………….. .
8. Some people only think about …………. .
9. She did not tell him. I told him …………. .
10. What a stupid I am; I could kill ………….. .

**Exercise 6:** *Correct these sentences if necessary by adding reflexive pronouns. Put a tick if the sentence is already correct.*

1. You and Mary ought to relax yourselves more; you are working too hard.
2. I had a swim, quickly dried me, and put on my clothes.
3. You ought to be ashamed of you.
4. “Have you ever been to France?” “No…oh yes, once”, he corrected him.
5. Why don’t you bring the children with you.
6. She put on her hand and introduced her as Antonia Darwin.
7. Amy was only three when she started to wash and dress her.

**Exercise 7:** *Answer the following questions using reflexive pronouns.*

1. Who told you that Mary is going to get married?

Mary………………………………………………

1. Do you want me to come and carry the shopping for you?

No, thanks! There is no need for you to come; I………………………

1. Can you fetch my bags please?

No, I can not, ………………………………………..

1. Do you live with your family?

No, I …………………………………………………

1. Can you clean the windows for her?

Why doesn’t she ……………………………………

1. Does Mr.John have a secretary to type his letters?

No, he does not; he………………………………….

**Exercise 8:** *Complete the sentences with* ***this****/****these****.*

1. …. pencil is not good.
2. …. girls are from my college.
3. …. this is Mary’s pen.
4. …. computer is very expensive.
5. …. potatoes are not cooked.
6. …. shoes are too big.

**Exercise 9:** *Complete the sentences with* ***that****/****those****.*

1. …. questions are too difficult.
2. …. is a good answer.
3. …. birds sing in that tree every morning.
4. …. dress is short.
5. …. windows are open.
6. …. is not a nice thing to say.

**Exercise 10:** *Insert interrogative pronouns where necessary*.

1. …. is the man over there?
2. …. book is this?
3. …. is his brother? John or Peter?
4. …. did you meet at the party?
5. …. did you do last night?
6. …. do you prefer? football or tennis?

**Exercise 11:** *Complete these sentences with reciprocal pronouns*

1. My father and mother blamed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the mistake.
2. The members of my family blamed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the mistake.
3. How long have Betty and Mary know \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_? They often give \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ presents.
4. I think strawberries and ice-cream complement \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ very well.
5. My students are encouraged to help \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
6. The two houses faced \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
7. Many wires were touching \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Exercise 12***: Complete the sentences with the appropriate relative pronoun. Give alternatives if possible.*

1. The machine \_\_\_\_\_\_ I have to use in my job cost over 10.000 dinars.
2. I have a friend \_\_\_\_\_ ran in the NewYork Marathon last year.
3. We were told that we would be responsible for anything \_\_\_\_\_ went wrong.
4. The Royal Floridian is an express train \_\_\_\_\_ runs between New York and Miami.
5. The woman \_\_\_\_\_ has just come in works for my uncle.
6. Who was the girl to \_\_\_\_\_ you were talking?
7. This is the house in \_\_\_\_\_ she lives.
8. That man to \_\_\_\_\_ I complained is the manager.

**Exercise 13:** *Combine the following sentences using the appropriate relative pronoun.*

1. John is my younger brother.
2. John went to do the shopping.

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1. Jane has now sold the old car.
2. She was given the old car by her parents.

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1. Tom’s mother is French.
2. Tom speaks speaks that language very well.

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1. I was talking to Mr.Smith.
2. Mr.Smith is a carpenter.

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1. His father works very hard.
2. His father has just bought a car.

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1. The house is for sale.
2. The house is next doors.

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1. The doctor has had to retire through ill health.
2. We know him.

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**Exercise 14:** *Complete the following sentences with indefinite pronouns.*

1. Would you like \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to eat?
2. Does \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ mind if I smoke?
3. There is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at the door.
4. We slept in the park because we did not have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to stay, and we did not know \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ we could stay with.
5. Would you like \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to eat?
6. May is very secretive; she never tells \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
7. I do not mind what you tell him; you can tell him \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you like.

**Exercise 15:** *Define the form and the function of the underlined words.*

1. She blamed herself for the mistake.
2. After this, be more careful.
3. This book is mine.
4. This is my newspaper.
5. This is the photo which shows my house.
6. Now I really need anybody to help me.
7. Nobody failed in the exam.
8. James, who is in hospital, is very ill.
9. We shall send you the goods immediately.
10. He lives by himself.
11. They often give each other presents.