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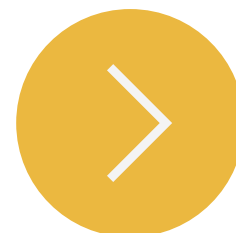
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WHAT ARE PERSONAL PRONOUNS?

We use personal pronouns to replace names we've already mentioned, to talk about ourselves or someone or something else.

- „**Er** sieht **ihn**.“
- „**Sie** sieht **es**.“
- „**Wir** sehen **sie**.“

WHAT INFORMATION DO PERSONAL PRONOUNS HAVE?

Personal pronouns show the **gender** (masculine, feminine, neuter), the **number** (singular, plural), and the **case** (**nominative**, **accusative**, **dative**, **genitive**) of the noun they represent, and you have to decline them.

Examples:

- "er" = 3rd person, masculine, singular, nominative
- "wir" = 1st person, plural, nominative
- "es" = 2nd person, neuter, singular, nominative
- "ich" = 1st person, singular, nominative

THE DIFFERENT FORMS

Person		Form	English
1 st Person Singular		ich	I
2 nd Person Singular		du	you
3 rd Person Singular	Masculine	er	he
	Feminine	sie	she
	Neuter	es	it
1 st Person Plural		wir	we
2 nd Person Plural		ihr	you (you all)
3 rd Person Plural		sie	they
Formal 2 nd Person (Plural & Singular)		<u>S</u> ie	you

USE OF THE DIFFERENT PERSONAL PRONOUNS

Personal Pronouns – 1st Person (ich, wir)

We speak in the 1st person when we talk about ourselves.

- „**Ich** gehe nach Hause.“
- „**Wir** machen immer unsere Hausaufgaben.“

Personal Pronouns – 2nd Person (du, ihr, Sie)

We speak in the 2nd person when we address someone. "Du" and "ihr" are the informal versions, while "Sie" is the formal version. Grammatically it corresponds to the 3rd person plural, but it's always capitalized.

- „**Du** wirst heute dein Zimmer aufräumen.“
- „Habt **ihr** eure Deutsch-Hausaufgaben schon gemacht?“

Personal Pronouns – 3rd Person (er, sie, es)

In the 3rd person, we speak about other things or people. Usually, these have been named before, and it is clear who or what we are talking about.

- „Marcel ist in Luisa verliebt?“ – „Keine Ahnung, aber **er** geht heute mit **ihr** ins Kino.“

SUMMARY

- Personal pronouns replace persons or things.
- They are used to avoid having to use the name of the person or object all the time.
- If the noun replaced by the pronoun isn't obvious (i.e., two nouns with the same gender), you should use the noun itself. The pronoun otherwise could cause misunderstandings.

„Frau Meier hat eine Katze.“ – „Ich mag **sie** sehr.“ (Who? The cat or Ms. Meier?)

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