

Rules for Changing Pronoun

✚ In English grammar, changing pronouns is a common technique used to avoid repeating the same noun in a sentence or paragraph. Here are some rules for changing pronouns:

1. To change a singular noun to a pronoun, use "he," "she," or "it" depending on the gender of the noun and the context of the sentence.
❖ **Example:** The doctor arrived. She brought her medical bag.
2. To change a plural noun to a pronoun, use "they" or "them."
❖ **Example:** The students left their books in the classroom. They will need to retrieve them later.
3. To change a possessive noun to a pronoun, use "mine," "yours," "his," "hers," "its," "ours," or "theirs" depending on the context of the sentence.
❖ **Example:** The book belongs to me. It is mine.
4. When changing a pronoun to another pronoun, make sure the new pronoun agrees in number, gender, and case with the original pronoun.
❖ **Example:** He gave me the book. I gave it to her.
5. When using indefinite pronouns, use "he or she" or "they" depending on the gender or context of the sentence.
❖ **Example:** Each student must bring his or her own pencil. OR Each student must bring their own pencil.
6. In certain cases, it is appropriate to use the pronoun "one" instead of repeating a noun.
❖ **Example:** A doctor must always put the needs of the patient first. One must be compassionate and attentive.
7. When using reflexive pronouns, make sure they agree with the subject of the sentence.
❖ **Example:** I cut myself while cooking. OR She congratulated herself on the good grade.
8. When using relative pronouns, make sure they agree in number and gender with the noun they are referring to.

- ❖ **Example:** The teacher who taught us history was very knowledgeable. OR
The students, who were excited, gathered around the teacher.
- 9. When using interrogative pronouns, make sure they are appropriate for the question being asked.
 - ❖ **Example:** Who is coming to the party? OR Whom did you invite to the party?
- 10. When using demonstrative pronouns, make sure they agree in number and distance from the speaker.
 - ❖ **Example:** This book is very interesting. OR Those flowers look beautiful.
- 11. When using indefinite pronouns, make sure they agree in number with the noun they are replacing.
 - ❖ **Example:** Everyone should do their best. OR Each of the students should do his or her best.
- 12. When using possessive pronouns, make sure they agree in number and gender with the noun they are replacing.
 - ❖ **Example:** The cat licked its paws. OR The girls held hands and walked to their car.