

Pronoun Antecedent

A pronoun is word that is used in place of a noun. The most commonly known pronouns are personal pronouns such as *I, me, we, us, he, she, it, him, her, they, and them.*

A pronoun antecedent is the noun to which a pronoun refers. A pronoun antecedent may be included within the same sentence or in the following sentence. These antecedents are also known as word referents.

In the following examples, the pronoun antecedents are underlined and the pronouns which refer to them are in bold print.

Example: Sasha took two suitcases with **her** to California.

Example: As the passengers exited the plane, **they** thanked the pilot.

Example: *I carried four books home from school. I carried them in my backpack.* -> Four books is the pronoun antecedent.