Get your literary notebook and set up a Type 1.

- Type 1: Today we will learn about four important grammar concepts: NOUN, PROPER NOUN, PRONOUN, and ANTECEDENT. Try to write a definition for each one.

Nouns and Pronouns

Grammar Mini Lesson

Nouns

- Your first words

- Two types: common and proper

Common Nouns

- **Name a *general*...**

  - **<u>Person</u>:** astronaut, boy, teacher

  - **<u>Place</u>:** city, town, state

  - **<u>Thing</u>:** book, spitball, dinner

  - **<u>Idea</u>:** reality, peace, success

PROPER NOUNS

— begin with capital letters.

— Name a *specific* …

- _____: Mr. Trahey, Barack Obama

- _____: Malvern, Pennsylvania, Mars

- _____: *Toy Story 3*, *The Hunger Games*

- _____: English, Spanish

Let's Review...

Find the nouns:

1. The man slipped and hurt his leg.

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Find the proper noun and noun:

2. At Citizens Bank Park, I cheered for the winning team.

2. At **Citizens Bank Park**, I cheered for the winning **team**.

Pronouns

The "stunt double" for nouns

When a noun is about to wear itself out in a sentence, use a pronoun!
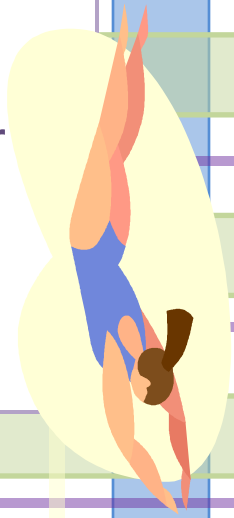
Let's look at an example…

The proper noun "Meg" needs a break...

- Meg stepped to the end of the diving board and looked down. Meg then turned back and looked longingly at Meg's brother, who was perched safely on the ladder, smiling. Meg knew this was it. One! Two! Three! Meg ran to the end of the board, leaped, tucked, and made one and one half turns, then straightened out like an arrow and hit the water cleanly. Meg knew Meg had made the best dive of Meg's life.

Now with more pronouns…

- Meg stepped to the end of the diving board and looked down. *She* then turned back and looked longingly at *her* brother, who was perched safely on the ladder, smiling. Meg knew this was it. One! Two! Three! *She* ran to the end of the board, leaped, tucked, and made one and one half turns, then straightened out like an arrow and hit the water cleanly. Meg knew *she* had made the best dive of *her* life.

Pronouns

- Pronouns are substitutes for nouns; Pronouns are the "stunt doubles" for nouns.

- Pronouns function in sentences as nouns do

- Example:
  - Susanne Ling enlisted in the Air Force when Susanne Ling graduated.
  - Susanne Ling enlisted in the Air Force when *she* graduated.

Common Pronouns

- I
- you
- he
- she
- her
- him
- me

- them
- it
- its
- yours
- his
- theirs
- mine

- myself
- yourself
- herself
- who
- whom

Pronoun Antecedent

RULE 1: All pronouns refer back to antecedents

- Antecedent = Noun that the pronoun refers to/stands in for.

  - Ted is a fisherman. He catches a lot of fish.

  - When someone visits the restroom, he or she must wash his or her hands.

RULE 2: Pronouns must agree in number and gender with their antecedents.

- The pronoun must be PLURAL if the antecedent is plural.

  - All the <u>people</u> in the store discovered that <u>their</u> wallets were missing.

- The pronoun must be SINGULAR if the antecedent is singular.

  - Whenever <u>anyone</u> spends money, <u>he or she</u> needs to make wise purchases.

RULE 2: Pronouns must agree in number and gender with their antecedents.

- The pronoun must be FEMALE if the antecedent is female.

  – Dorothy visited the Wizard of Oz with her dog.

- The pronoun must be MALE if the antecedent is male.

  – After Capricorn discovered a dead bird in his locker, he held a funeral.

Steps for Checking Pronoun-Antecedent Agreement

1. Find the pronoun.

2. Figure out its antecedent（what noun is it taking the place of?）.

3. Figure out if the antecedent is singular or plural.

4. Select the correct pronoun case based on the antecedent.

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Homework:

Pick a NOUN and a PRONOUN worksheet to complete.

Let's review...do not use your notes!

Type 2   date

✓ 4 categories of nouns are:

✓ Common noun: general or specific?

✓ Proper noun: general or specific?

✓ Takes the place of a noun:

✓ An antecedent is:

Let's review…check your answers!

Type 2   date

✓ 4 categories of nouns are: **person, place,**

thing, idea

✓ Common noun: <u>general</u> or specific?

✓ Proper noun: general or <u>specific</u>?

✓ Takes the place of a noun: **pronoun**

✓ An antecedent is: **the noun being replaced by**

the pronoun

Let's review…put your homework on your desk.

- ✓ **Last night's homework:**

  Trade with the person next to you. See if you agree with the pronouns and antecedents they identified.

- ✓ Time to ask me for clarification or confusion!

Homework: due Tuesday 9/13

NOUN / PRONOUN worksheet

Time for......Noun Scattegories！！！