SUBJECT: English Language

TOPIC: Grammar: Parts of Speech; Pronoun (person, number, gender and case)

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DEFINITION OF PRONOUN

A pronoun is a word that is used instead of a noun to avoid the repetition of a noun in a sentence.

Examples

1a) Bala went to the stream.

2a) Binta went with Bala.

3a) Bala and Binta fed the ducklings.

4a) Mother and father watched Bala and Binta.

The underlined words are nouns and can be replaced by pronouns.

1b) He went to the stream.

2b) She went with him.

3b) They fed them.

4b) They watched them.

Pronouns: person, number, gender, case

A pronoun must be in the same number, person, gender and case as the noun it replaces.

1) Person

We have first person, second person and third person.

a)   First person refers to the person or persons speaking.

     Examples I, We

b)   Second person refers to the person or persons you are talking to.

     Example you

c)   Third person refers to the person, persons or thing(s) spoken about.

     Example she, she, it, they

2) Number

Number refers to singular and plural. Pronouns can be singular or plural.

Examples:

Singular	Plural
I, me	we, us
You	you
He / her / it	they, them
Him / her	

3) Gender refers to masculine, feminine or neuter.

Examples:

He is masculine.

She is feminine.

It is neuter.

4) Case

 Refers to using a pronoun as the subject or object of the sentence.

There are three cases in English - the subjective case, the objective case and the possessive case.

Subjective case   Objective case   Possessive case

Subject is the performer of an action.

Object is the one who receives the action performed by the subject.

Possessive is used to show ownership

I	me	mine
We	us	ours
You	you	yours
He	him	his
She	her	hers
They	them	theirs
It	it	its
Who	whom	whose

Sentences

1) <u>He</u> is a boy.

   He is in the subjective case.

2) I gave <u>him</u> a ball.

   Him is in the objective case.

3) The ball is <u>mine</u>.

   Mine is in the possessive case.

<u>HOMEWORK</u>

Answer the questions in page 35, exercise III.