

Pronouns!

I know, sitting in class, it is difficult to contain your enthusiasm for pronouns so I thought it would be good for us to spend a little bit of time at the end of class in groups. Get into your usual groups of 2-4 and answer the following questions about pronouns based on our lecture today.

Circle the pronouns in each of these sentences. There may be multiple instances of pronouns.

1. Mike and Tony do their show earlier in the day but it does not air until 5:30pm.
2. Christy was very shy at the beginning of her academic career, but she would have to face her fears before speaking in front of 500 people at MLA 2009 in December.
3. Jill and Scott kept looking for an apartment where they could house their six cats.
4. Dr. Kinsella woke up early, fed his cats, and then had a Skype conference with one of his students.
5. Dr. Mench worked hard on his speech for the Classical Society's symposium on Aeschylus next weekend.

Indicate what case each pronoun takes on...(Subject, Object, Possessive)

6. Dr. Bluemel gave her approval to Toni's dissertation idea.
7. Dr. Vetere asked Erinn and Jenni to create a new website for the program colloquium.
8. I went to the store for soy milk last night.
9. Between Abby and Leo, they own seventy shares of Google stock.
10. The vet's bill gave him quite a shock.

Pronouns: Further Study

A lot of times, your word choices while writing your papers, or anything generally, will be affected by pronoun case. Take a look at these sentences and reread the portion in Wadsworth (208-212) pertaining to it. Consider which pronoun you would use in each instance. We will go over this briefly at the beginning of class on Wednesday.

Who v Whom

1. _____ did you ask to clean the Hamster cage? I asked her.
2. _____ did Albert Ayler influence in jazz?
3. _____ was the guitarist for the quintet? He was the guitarist.

We v Us (are these sentences correct? Why not?)

4. Us aliens have to keep the plan under wraps until it is time to strike!
5. General Managers work hard to put the best team on the field for we fans.
6. We teachers make learning easy for students.

Who v Which v That

7. The General, _____ is staying at the White House, is being considered for a cabinet position.
8. Wireless controllers _____ come with modern video game systems work a lot better than ones from twenty years ago.
9. Jorge Luis Borges, _____ wrote *Garden of Forking Paths*, is the topic of today's lecture in 102.