

## PRONOUNS

Pronouns are words which act as substitutes for nouns. They may take the place of a noun or act in its place.

EX:

<u>Noun</u>	=	<u>Pronoun</u>
Thomas Jefferson	=	He
Catherine	=	She
Benjamin and Gerald	=	They
The Computer	=	It

If the noun has been provided in a sentence, then pronouns may be used. However if a pronoun has not been already provided, then a pronoun should not be used.

EX:

He was sad.

The reader may ask, "What was sad?" However, if you say:

Jake was hurt. He was sad.

Then, you have provided the much needed Antecedent (the original noun) to the pronoun.

Pronouns may also be used to show possession (e.g. his, her, their). Yet, again, they should never be used with their antecedents in close proximity.