

Grammar Lesson 5

Other Pronouns: Demonstrative, Interrogative and Relative Pronouns

A demonstrative pronoun points out a specific person, place, thing, or idea. The four demonstrative pronouns are: this, that, these, and those.

An interrogative pronoun introduces a question.

A relative pronoun introduces a subordinate/dependent clause. The relative pronoun will almost always be the first word of that subordinate/dependent clause.

A subordinate clause (also called a dependent clause) is a clause (a group of words that has both a subject and a verb) but cannot stand on its own—it would be an incomplete sentence if left on its own.

Important: Note that some of these pronouns appear as different categories/types of pronouns. It's not the word itself that defines what type of pronoun it is, but how it's being used.

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| Demonstrative Pronouns | this, that, these, those |
| Interrogative Pronouns | what, which, who, whom, whose |
| Relative Pronouns | that, which, who, whom, whose |

Ex: This is the most valuable baseball card I have, but that is also valuable. (demonstrative)

These are the names of those who volunteered. (demonstrative)

What is the largest planet of our solar system? (interrogative)

Who scored the most points in the game? (interrogative)

The Bactrian camel, which has two humps, is native to central Asia. (relative)

("which has two humps" is the subordinate/dependent clause)

Ray Charles is a performer who has had many hit recordings. (relative)

("who has had many hit recordings" is the subordinate/dependent clause)

Important: Just like other pronouns, these types of pronouns can also be used as adjectives. When the pronoun describes a noun that follows it, it is an adjective. If no noun follows it, it is acting as a pronoun.

Ex: Who scored the most points in the game? ("Who" is a pronoun)

Which player scored the most points in the game? ("Which" is an adjective because it modifies player, the noun that follows it.)

This is my favorite baseball card. ("This" is a pronoun.)

This baseball card is my favorite. ("This" is an adjective because it modifies baseball card, the noun that follows it.)

What is the largest planet of our solar system? ("What" is a pronoun.)

What planet is the largest of our solar system? ("What" is an adjective because it modifies planet, the noun that follows it.)

Directions: Circle the pronouns in each sentence. Then, above each pronoun, write what type of pronoun it is (demonstrative, interrogative or relative). Finally, if it is a relative pronoun, also underline the subordinate/dependent clause that the relative pronoun begins. The number of pronouns is indicated in the parentheses that follow each sentence.

Ex. ^{interrogative} Which of you has heard of The Mustangs of Las Colinas, a sculpture ^{relative} that is located in Irving, Texas? (2)

1. The nine mustangs that make up the work appear to gallop across Williams Square in the Las Colinas Urban Center. (1)
2. The Mustang Sculpture Exhibit, which is housed in a building near the statue, provides more information. (1)
3. The horses, whose images are cast in bronze, form the world's largest equestrian (horse) sculpture. (1)
4. That is an amazing sight! (1)
5. What is the name of the sculptor who created the mustangs? (2)
6. Robert Glen, who was born in Kenya, is the artist whom you mean. (2)
7. This is a picture of the sculpture, which is made up of bronze horses that are larger than life size. (3)
8. Looking at the sculpture, you can imagine the amount of time that Glen has spent studying wildlife. (1)
9. Who told me mustangs are descended from horses that were brought to the Americas by the Spanish? (2)
10. Horses like these roamed wild over Texas and other western states in the 1800s. (1)