

# Indefinite Pronouns and Interrogative Pronouns

**2m.** An **interrogative pronoun** introduces a question.

**2o.** An **indefinite pronoun** refers to a person, a place, a thing, or an idea that may or may not be specifically named.

**EXERCISE A** In the following sentences, underline each indefinite pronoun once and each interrogative pronoun twice.

**Example 1.** Who told everyone to meet at my house?

1. Which is the restaurant you would like to try?
2. I found a red jacket! Whose is it?
3. Most of the job was finished by the time Allan arrived.
4. Several of the buildings were damaged by the tornado.
5. Which of the films at the festival did you see?
6. To whom did the broken coffee cup belong?
7. Neither of the dogs was willing to try two types of dog food.
8. What did they think of the last movement of the symphony?
9. Nobody answered the phone when I called.
10. Each car comes with everything a driver could need.

**EXERCISE B** Write an indefinite pronoun in the blank in each of the following sentences. Use a different pronoun for each sentence.

**Example 1.** Each of the brothers decided on his own to enter the science fair.

11. Could \_\_\_\_\_ please give me a hand with this table?
12. Jamal and Karen gave \_\_\_\_\_ the same present for Christmas.
13. \_\_\_\_\_ of the delicate plants outside survived the first frost of the season.
14. We used \_\_\_\_\_ of the flour baking bread for the reunion banquet.
15. Do you know \_\_\_\_\_ about the Civil War?
16. \_\_\_\_\_ have ever claimed to have seen that bird in the wild.
17. Brenda told \_\_\_\_\_ at school about her new job at the pharmacy.
18. \_\_\_\_\_ of the guests at the wedding enjoyed the music, but \_\_\_\_\_ did not.
19. Please don't tell \_\_\_\_\_ about the surprise party.
20. \_\_\_\_\_ of the band members can read music.

# Kinds of Pronouns

**2h.** A **pronoun** is a word used in place of one or more nouns or pronouns.

**EXAMPLES** By studying **this**, **you** can teach **yourself** how to make origami figures. [*This* is a demonstrative pronoun, *you* is a personal pronoun, and *yourself* is a reflexive pronoun.]

**Who** composed the music **that** Jacob played at the recital? [*Who* is an interrogative pronoun, and *that* is a relative pronoun.]

The students did **all** of the research **themselves**. [*All* is an indefinite pronoun, and *themselves* is an intensive pronoun.]

**EXERCISE** Underline the pronoun in each of the following sentences. Then, identify the pronoun by writing above it one of these abbreviations: *PER* for *personal*, *REF* for *reflexive*, *INTEN* for *intensive*, *DEM* for *demonstrative*, *INTER* for *interrogative*, *IND* for *indefinite*, or *REL* for *relative*.

**Example 1.** The managers of the company gave <sup>*REF*</sup> themselves raises.

1. Alejandro does not like snow-skiing, but he loves water-skiing.
2. Is that Buckingham Palace?
3. Everyone here has read the book.
4. Who discovered DNA?
5. “We are not amused,” said the queen to the ambassador.
6. The new student, who is from Iran, is named Darob.
7. Mr. Kilkerney retired in April, and the school gave him a going-away party.
8. Are these the oldest rocks on earth?
9. Whom did the filmmakers cast in the role of King Arthur?
10. The film, which contains extraordinary special effects, will become a blockbuster.
11. The governor herself spoke to the graduating class.
12. Is something burning?
13. The band members worked hard to buy themselves new uniforms.
14. Did Paul write the short story himself?
15. The teacher assigned each of the students a poem to read aloud in class.
16. Which of the planets is farthest from the sun?
17. Mr. Wu and she left nearly an hour ago.
18. Are the gloves on the desk yours?
19. The only U.S. president who served more than two terms is Franklin D. Roosevelt.
20. Dad went to the mall by himself to shop for holiday gifts.