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Types of Pronouns:

- **Personal** [I, you, he, she, it, we, etc.]
- **Possessive** [my, your, his, her, their, our]
- **Demonstrative** [this, these (near); that, those (far)]
 - they point things out.
- **Interrogative** [Who? What? Where?]
- **Indefinite** [whoever, anyone, someone]
 - they don't point things out.
- **Relative** [who, which, that]
 - links to previous or latter part of sentence.

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- This presentation will deal with independent personal pronouns.

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- A *personal pronoun* is a word that refers back to a particular person called an *antecedent*.
- **Moses (antecedent)** was the leader; **he (personal pronoun)** led the Israelites.
- That person can be obvious or implied.

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- Independent personal pronouns are pronouns:
 - That stand alone.
 - That are not attached to other words as prefixes or suffixes.

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Personal Pronouns in English					
Person, Gender, Number	Subject	Object	Person, Gender, Number	Subject	Object
3ms	he	him	3cp	they	them
3fs	she	her			
2cs	you	you	2cp	you (all)	you (all)
1cp	I	my	1cp	us	our

Example: She (subject) saw them (object).

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- In Hebrew, independent personal pronouns are used as subjects:
 - In sentences without a verb:
 - I [am] YHVH אֲנִי יְהוָה
 - You [are] righteous צַדִּיק אַתָּה
 - Word order does not matter
 - In verbal sentences for emphasis (even though the subject is already embedded in the verb):
 - I descended I (myself) אֲנֹכִי יֵרְדָהּ

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- Hebrew independent personal pronouns have:
 - Person [1st, 2nd, 3rd]
 - Gender [masculine, feminine]
 - Number [singular, plural]

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Personal Pronouns in Hebrew

Person, Gender, Number	Singular	Person, Gender, Number	Plural
3ms (he, it)	הוא	3mp (they)	הֵמָּה , הֵם
3fs (she, it)	היא	3fp (they)	הֵנָּה , הֵן
2ms (you)	אַתָּה	2mp (you all)	אַתֶּם
2fs (you)	אַתְּ	2fp (you all)	אַתֶּן
1cs (I)	אֲנִי , אֲנֹכִי	1cp (we)	אֲנֵחֵנוּ

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- The 3rd person masculine and feminine independent personal pronouns (he, she, it, they) are the same as the masculine and feminine demonstrative pronouns (that, those).
- You must use context to determine which way to translate them.

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- The 1st person forms are common to both genders.
 - These common forms are not neuter forms; Hebrew does not have neuter forms like Greek and some other languages do.
- The 2nd and 3rd person forms exist in both masculine and feminine forms.

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- Genesis 15:4 הֵינִי יִרְשֶׁהָ
- He will be your heir (from the verb יִרַשׁ)

- Proverbs 3:18 עֵץ הַחַיִּים הִיא
- She [referring to wisdom] (is) a tree of life

- Ezekiel 16:45 בַּת אִמֶּךָ אַתְּ
- You (are) your mother's daughter

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- Numbers 18:17 קִדְּשׁ הֵם
- You are holy

- Numbers 9:7 אֲנַחְנוּ טְמֵאִים
- We are defiled

- Genesis 24:43 אָנֹכִי נֹצֵב עַל עֵין הַמַּיִם
- I stand by the well of the water

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- Sometimes the 3rd person singular or plural can be used as a copula [linking verb] and can be translated with a form of “to be.”

- Genesis 36:8b עֵשָׂו הוּא אֶדְוֹם

- Esau is Edom

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