

Pronoun or Adjective?

A pronoun is a word that is used in place of one or more nouns or pronouns.

An adjective is a word that is used to modify a noun or a pronoun.

Some words may be used as either pronouns or adjectives. For example, this, that, these, and those are called **demonstrative pronouns** when they take the place of nouns or other pronouns and are called **demonstrative adjectives** when they modify nouns or pronouns.

PRONOUN	That is my sister's guitar.
ADJECTIVE	That guitar belongs to my sister.

EXERCISE In each of the following sentences, identify the part of speech of the underlined word by writing above the word PRO for pronoun or ADJ for adjective.

Example	ADJ 1. Denielle has <u>many</u> pets.
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1. These fajitas certainly are spicy!
2. These are the spiciest fajitas I have ever tasted!
3. Most of the ninth-graders participated in the readathon.
4. Most ninth-graders participated in the readathon.
5. Which ice sculpture did you create?
6. Which of the ice sculptures did you create?
7. This is one of my favorite songs.
8. Do you like This song?
9. Aren't those wildflowers beautiful?
10. Yes, those are more colorful than the ones we saw earlier.
11. What are some languages you speak?

12. What other languages do you speak?
13. That skyscraper is the tallest one in the world.
14. That is the tallest skyscraper in the world.
15. Either answer is acceptable.
16. Either of the answers is acceptable.
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18. Toads, turtles, and bats are some of the animals that hibernate during the winter.
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