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Lesson 10.5.2 Pronouns

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EXERCISE 1 Identifying Pronouns

Underline all of the pronouns in the paragraph below.

EXAMPLE Speech-recognition software allows people to input data using their voices instead of their keyboards.

¹The computer company IBM demonstrated its first speech-recognition device, called Shoebox, at the 1962 World's Fair. ²When the inventor spoke into its microphone, the machine followed his instructions to do simple arithmetic. ³Shoebox understood sixteen words. ⁴No one was terribly impressed. ⁵Now almost fifty years later, everything has changed. ⁶If you have time to train your software, it will recognize your distinctive way of speaking, and it will easily translate any of your spoken words into text or computer commands.

EXERCISE 2 Classifying Pronouns

Classify the pronoun underlined in each sentence below. Use these abbreviations:

PER = personal

IND = indefinite

DEM = demonstrative

INT = intensive

POS = possessive

REF = reflexive

INTER = interrogative

EXAMPLE INTER What are the uses of voice recognition programs?

Indefinite

pronouns express an amount or refer to one or more unspecified persons or things.

Example:

Although *everybody* likes the new computers, *all* of my friends wish that *several* of them were available for *everyone* to use before school.

- _____ 1. Some of the engineers thought speech-recognition technology could make taking dictation obsolete.
- _____ 2. It turns out that people's voices are too distinctive for that to happen.
- _____ 3. A speech recognition device works best when it asks users questions and allows them to respond naturally.
- _____ 4. Airlines may offer speech recognition to help people make their reservations.
- _____ 5. Who else might use speech or voice recognition?
- _____ 6. The technology can help everyone who is unable to use a keyboard, such as drivers who must keep their eyes on the road and their hands on the wheel.
- _____ 7. Good software adapts itself to the user's speaking style and vocabulary to improve the accuracy of recognition over time.
- _____ 8. People themselves can dictate, correct, and save documents just by using their voices.
- _____ 9. To get instructions, a user can just say, "How do I," and then name the task he or she wants to perform.
- _____ 10. Does anybody know if the speech recognition program is available in many languages?