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Define pronoun

In English, a pronoun is a word used to replace a noun when the context has already been defined.

Examples:

 I got a new shirt. **It** has a hole!

 I saw Alice at the store and got **his** autograph.

 Where are **you** going?

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International Pronouns Day – GLSEN
https://www.glsen.org/activity/international-pronouns-day

International Pronouns Day happens each year on the third Wednesday of October. Referring to people by the pronouns they determine for themselves is basic to human dignity. International Pronouns Day seeks to make respecting, sharing, and educating about personal pronouns commonplace.
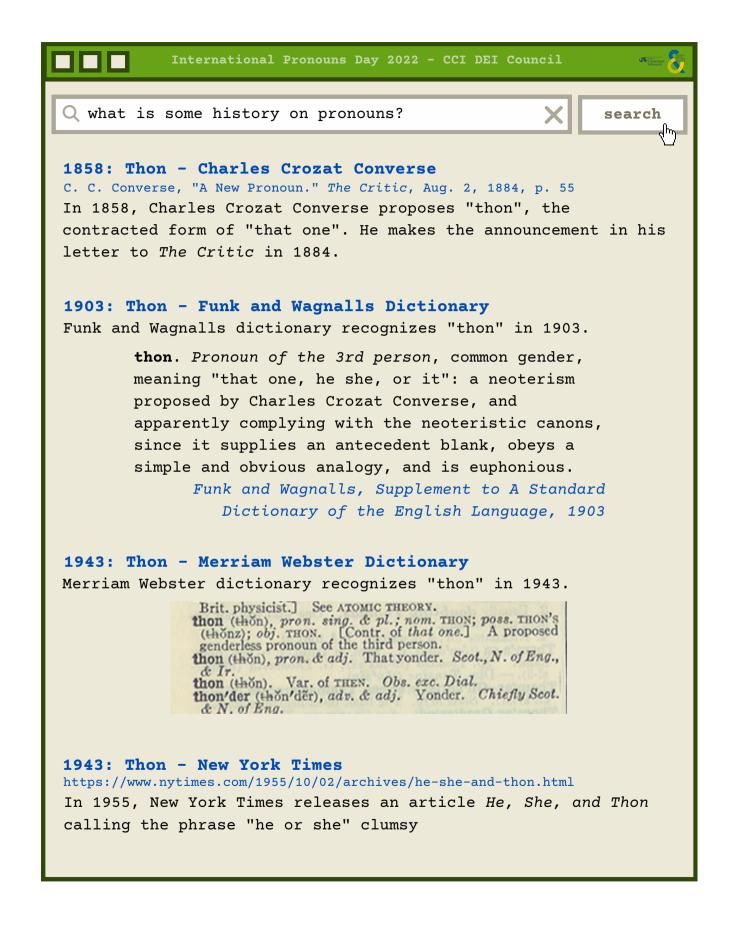
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1375: William and the Werewolf - Oxford English Dictionary
https://www.oed.com/view/Entry/200700#eid18519864
In 1375, the singular "they" is first used in the medieval
romance novel *William and the Werewolf*.

They is a pronoun that can refer to one person or many people:

 Alex sent me an email. I need to respond to **them**.

 The students looked stressed during **their** exam today.

1660: George Fox and the Singular You - Fox's Epistle 191
https://languagelog.ldc.upenn.edu/nll/?p=2732
In 1660, George Fox, the founder of Quakerism, wrote a book,
Fox's Epistle 191, labeling anyone who used singular "you" an
idiot or a fool

Singular (one person):
 He **is** a fool
 She **is** a fool
 You **are** a fool

Plural (many people):
 He and she **are** fools
 We **are** fools

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1858: Thon - Charles Crozat Converse
C. C. Converse, "A New Pronoun." *The Critic*, Aug. 2, 1884, p. 55
In 1858, Charles Crozat Converse proposes "thon", the contracted form of "that one". He makes the announcement in his letter to *The Critic* in 1884.

1903: Thon - Funk and Wagnalls Dictionary
Funk and Wagnalls dictionary recognizes "thon" in 1903.

> **thon**. *Pronoun of the 3rd person*, common gender, meaning "that one, he she, or it": a neoterism proposed by Charles Crozat Converse, and apparently complying with the neoteristic canons, since it supplies an antecedent blank, obeys a simple and obvious analogy, and is euphonious.
> *Funk and Wagnalls, Supplement to A Standard Dictionary of the English Language, 1903*

1943: Thon - Merriam Webster Dictionary
Merriam Webster dictionary recognizes "thon" in 1943.

1943: Thon - New York Times
https://www.nytimes.com/1955/10/02/archives/he-she-and-thon.html
In 1955, New York Times releases an article *He, She, and Thon* calling the phrase "he or she" clumsy

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1991: Solving The Great Pronoun Problem - Kelly Ann Sippell

Sippell, K. A. *Solving the Great Pronoun Problem: The Acceptability of the Singular "They."* UMI, 1993, https://books.google.com/books?id=xtu8nQEACAAJ.

Kelly Ann Sippell writes her master's thesis *Solving the Great Pronoun Problem* where she listed over 80 proposed gender neutral pronouns proposed over the prior 150 years

1994: Merriam Webster's Dictionary

"We must remember that the English pronoun system is not fixed. Several centuries ago the objective plural you drove the nominative and objective singulars thou and thee and the nominative plural ye out of general use. It appears to have happened for social reasons, not linguistic reasons. They, their, them have been used continuously for six centuries, and have been disparaged in such use for about two centuries."

Merriam Webster's Dictionary of English Usage

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Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Council - Drexel CCI
https://drexel.edu/cci/about/diversity-equity-and-inclusion-council/
CCI's Diversity in Tech Steering Committee and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Council is committed to building an environment of open communication and mutual respect for all members of the CCI community.

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