

The Pronoun

Isimelabizo

The pronoun

- The pronoun stands in the place of the noun, and carries the meaning “it”, “them” e.g.
- Do you want this (specific) book?
- Yes, I want **it**. (emphasising “this” book and no other)
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- 1. To express **place**, e.g. “in it”
- 2. To express **instrument** / means/about, e.g. “with it”
- 3. To express **inclusion**, e.g. “it as well”
- 4. To express **possession**, e.g. “I have it”
- 5. To **identify**, e.g. “This is it”

Child - umntwana



- Him / her
- Yena
- To him = kuye
- Him as well = naye
- It is him = nguye

Practice with similar words (all people)

- Umfundi
- Umhlobo
- Ummelwane
- Umqhubi
- Umzali
- Umthengi
- Umama
- Utata

- Pupil
- Friend
- Neighbour
- Driver
- Parent
- Customer
- Mother
- Father

You - wena



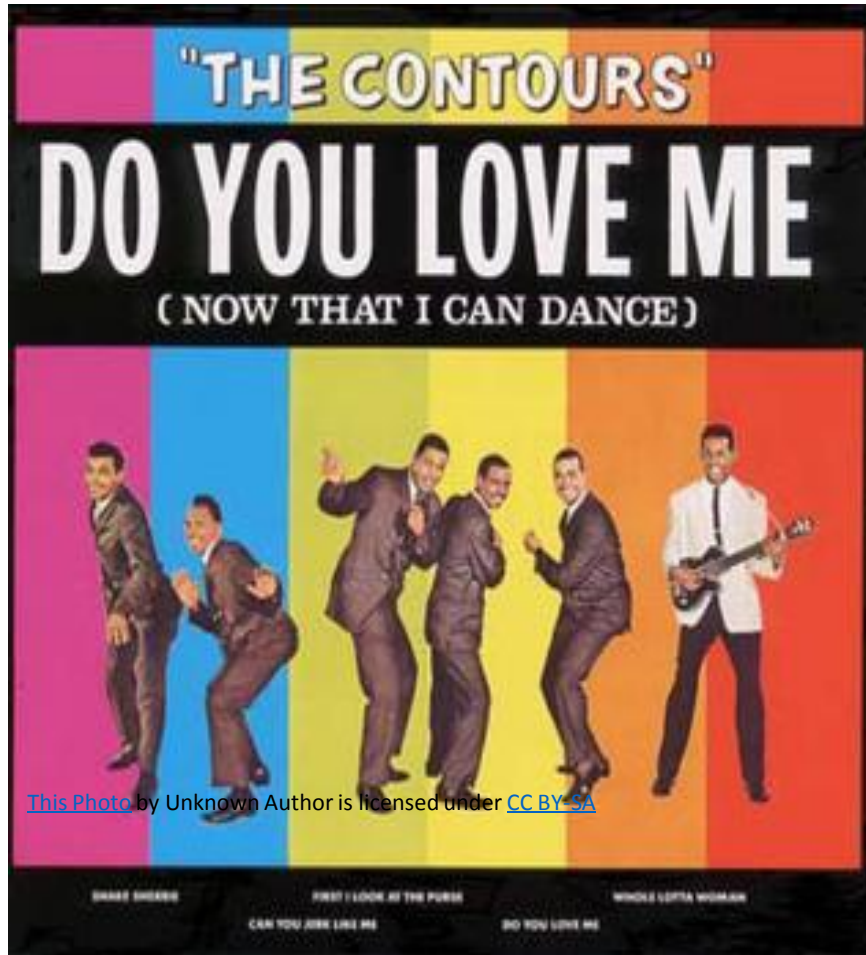
- You
- Wena
- To you = kuwe
- You as well = nawe
- About you = ngawe
- It is you = nguwe

Us - thina

A large, stylized, black cursive script of the word 'Us'. The 'U' is a large, open loop, and the 's' is a long, flowing tail that ends in a small loop.

- Us
- Thina
- To us = kuthi
- About us = ngathi
- Us as well = nathi
- It is us = sithi

Me - mna



- Me
- Mna
- To me = kum
- About me = ngam
- Me too = nam
- It is me = ndim

Pupils - them



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Pupils – abafundi

Them – **bona**

To them = **kubo**

About them = **ngabo**

Them as well = **nabo**

It is them = **ngabo**

Practice with similar words (all people)

- Abahlobo
- Abazali
- Abamelwane
- Abaqhubi
- Abathengi
- Abadlali
- Oogqirha
- Ootitshala

- Friends
- Parents
- Neighbours
- Drivers
- Customers
- Players
- Doctors
- teachers

Samp and beans – Umngqusho



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- Samp & beans - Umngqusho
- It
- Wona
- On it = kuwo
- About it = ngawo
- It as well = nawo
- I have some = Ndinawo
- That is it = nguwo

Similar words (all beginning with “um-”, but no human reference)

- Umthi
- Umlilo
- Umlenze
- Umnwe
- Umsebenzi
- Umbuzo
- Umlambo
- Umsi
- Umoya

- Tree
- Fire
- Leg
- Finger
- Work
- Question
- River
- Smoke
- Wind

Fires - imililo



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- Them
- Yona
- To them = kuyo
- About them = ngayo
- They too = nayo
- It is them = yiyo

Practice with similar words

- Imithi
- Imilenze
- Iminwe
- Imibuzo
- Imisebenzi
- Imizamo
- Imilambo
- Imilebe

- Trees
- Legs
- Fingers
- Questions
- Assignments
- Efforts
- Rivers
- Lips

Spoon - Icephe



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- It
- lona
- With it = ngalo
- It as well = nalo
- I have it = ndinalo
- That is it = lilo

Practice with similar words (all original isiXhosa)

- Igama
- Icephe
- Ilaphu
- Ilitye
- Idolo
- Izembe
- Ilanga
- Ithambo
- Ikhaya

- Name, word
- Spoon
- Cloth
- Stone
- Knee
- Axe
- Sun
- Bone
- home

Water - amanzi



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- With it = ngawo
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- I have some = ndinawo
- That is it = ngawo

Practice with similar words

- Ama~~g~~ama
- Ama~~k~~haya
- Ama~~d~~olo
- Ame~~h~~lo
- Ama~~c~~ulo
- Ama~~l~~aphu
- Ama~~c~~ephe
- Ama~~t~~hambo

- Names, words
- Homes
- Knees
- Eyes
- Hymns
- Cloths
- Spoons
- Bones

Isikolo - school



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- It
- Sona
- To it = kuso
- About it = ngaso
- It as well = naso
- That is it = siso

Practice with similar words

- Isihlangu
- Isisu
- Isitya
- Isifuba
- Isonka
- Isandla
- Isitena
- Isitulo

- Shoe
- Stomach
- Dish
- Chest
- Bread
- Hand
- Brick
- Chair

Izitya - Dishes



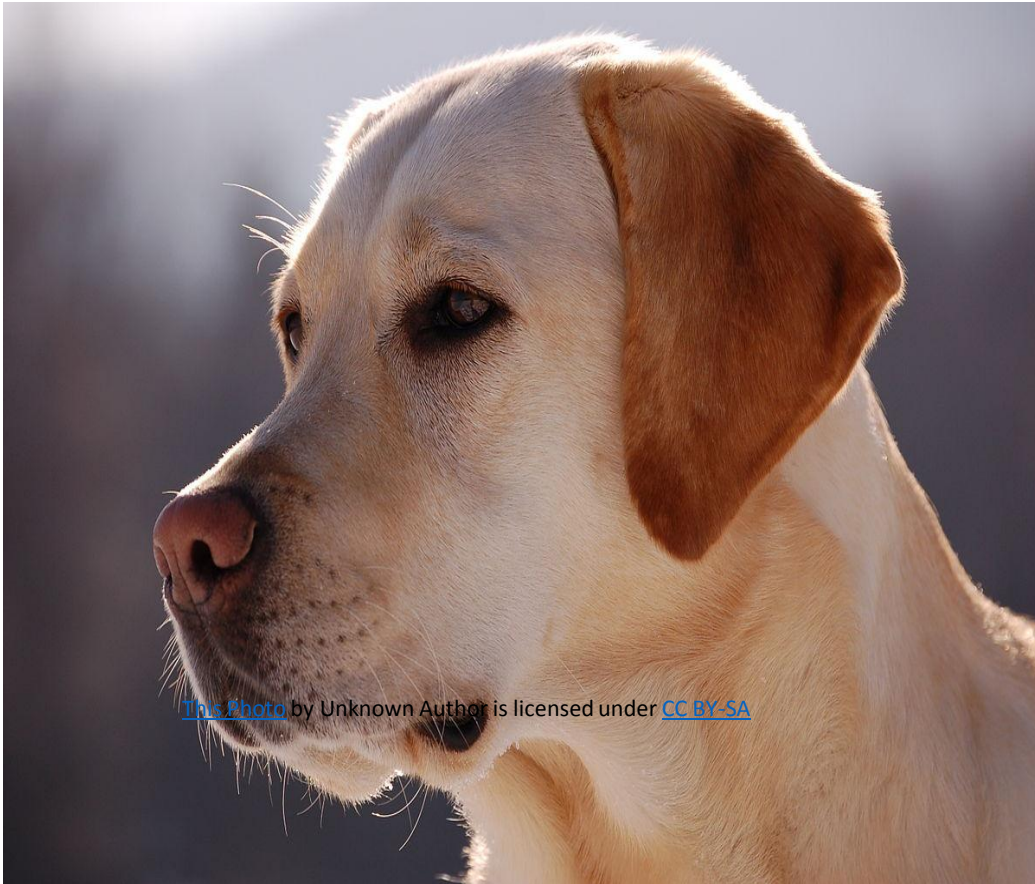
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- Zona
- On them = kuzo
- With them = ngazo
- Them as well = nazo
- I have them = ndinazo
- It is them = zizo

Practice with similar words

- Izihlangu
- Izikolo
- Izitulo
- Izilayi
- Izisu
- Izonka
- Iziliphu
- Iziselo

- Shoes
- Schools
- Chairs
- Slices
- Stomachs
- Breads (loaves)
- Slips (of paper)
- Drinks

Inja - Dog



- It
- Yona
- To it = kuyo
- About it = ngayo
- It as well = nayo
- I have one = ndinayo
- That is it = yiyo

Practice with similar words (all original isiXhosa beginning with “in-”)

- Indlu
- Into
- Ingalo
- Indlebe
- Intloko
- Intombi
- Indoda
- Intaba

- House
- Thing (object)
- Arm
- Ear
- Head
- Girl
- Man
- Mountain

Imoto - Car



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Practice with similar words (borrowed)

- Ihempe
- Ibhulukhwe
- Ilokhwe
- Imela
- Ifolokhwe
- Ipepile
- Ibhoto
- Ithivi

- Shirt
- Trousers
- Dress
- Knife
- Fork
- Pepper
- Butter
- Television (TV)

Izinja - Dogs



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- With them = ngazo
- Them as well = nazo
- I have some = ndinazo
- It is them = zizo

Practice with similar words

- Izindlu
- Izinto
- I(z)intombi
- I(z)impahla
- I(z)inkomo
- I(z)incwadi
- I(z)ingalo
- I(z)indlebe

- Houses
- Things
- Girls
- Clothes
- Cattle
- Books
- Arms
- Ears

Practice with similar words (borrowed)

- **li**tafile
- **li**bhedi
- **li**khapethi
- **li**moto
- **li**hempe
- **li**khompyutha
- **li**thivi
- **li**festile

- Tables
- Beds
- Carpets
- Cars
- Shirts
- Computers
- Television sets
- Windows

Ubisi - milk



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- It
- lona
- With it = ngalo
- It as well = nalo
- I have some = ndinalo
- That is it = lulo

Practice with similar words (all beginning with “u-” and not “um-”)

- Usana
- Usapho
- Uzwane
- Unyawo
- Ulwandle
- Ulwimi
- Ucango
- Uvuyo

- Baby
- Family
- Toe
- Foot
- Sea
- Tongue, language
- Door
- Joy

Ubusi - honey



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- It
- Bona
- In it = kubo
- With it = ngabo
- It as well = nabo
- I have some = ndinabo
- That is it = bubo

Practice with similar words

- Ubu**so**
- Ubu**s**uku
- Ubu**s**ika
- Ub**o**mi
- Ubu**h**lungu
- Ubu**b**anda
- Ubu**s**hushu
- Ub**o**ya

- Face
- Night
- Winter
- Life
- Pain
- Cold
- Heat
- Wool, fur