

# Build a Sentence

## Pronoun Practice Activity



If you've taken part in Makaton training, this is a great opportunity to practise using pronouns.

Noticing how they work within a sentence can help reinforce familiar signing patterns and deepen your understanding of symbol design themes.

Each colour shows a different job in the sentence:

- Orange** Subjective pronouns (who is doing the action)
- Green** Objective pronouns (who the action happens to)
- Blue** Verbs (the action)
- Purple** Nouns (things, e.g. cake, tea)
- Red** Possessive adjectives (ownership words before a noun)
- Yellow** Possessive pronouns (ownership words that stand alone)
- Pink** Demonstratives (pointing words, e.g. this, that)

### How to use the activity

Print off and cut out the individual pieces. Choose pieces to build a sentence. Lay them out in order, then say and sign it.

Try swapping parts to see what changes. For example:

- I gave you cake
- You gave me cake

You can also add ownership:

- I gave you my cake
- This cake is mine

### A note about symbols

Some words may be represented in symbols by one person, two people, or a small group. To keep this resource clear and uncluttered, only the single person or two-person versions have been used.

To explore other symbol options, please visit [makaton.org](http://makaton.org) where a free 7-day trial membership to the library is available.

Keep it simple, keep it fun - you'll get the hang of pronouns in no time!  
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**Subjective pronouns**  
who is doing the action

**Objective pronouns**  
who is receiving the action

**Possessive adjectives**  
ownership words  
before a noun

**Possessive pronouns**  
ownership words  
after a noun

Cut out the cards and use them as headings. Place them on the table and sort pronouns underneath each one.

Or why not stick each one onto a paper cup, pot, or small container. As you explore and build sentences, place pronouns into the correct cup to help organise and understand how they are used.



I



You



We



They



me



you



us



them

eat

give

want

have



**my**



**your**



**their**



**our**



**mine**



**yours**



**theirs**



**ours**

**tea**

**cake**

**this**

**that**



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