

Personalpronomen (Personal Pronouns)

When you want to talk to and about people without repeating their names, you use personal pronouns. The personal pronouns are categorized under three “persons”.

1st person: I / we (*to talk about oneself*)
2nd person: you / you (pl) (*to talk to a second party*)
3rd person: he, she, it / they (*to talk about a third party*)

	Singular	Plural
1 st person	ich [I]	wir [we]
2 nd person	du [you /familiar] Sie [you / formal]	ihr [you / familiar] Sie [you / formal]
3 rd person	er [he, it] sie [she, it] es [it]	sie [they]

German nouns are either masculine, feminine or neuter.

The pronouns in the 3rd person singular (**er**, **sie**, **es**) are chosen according to the principle of *grammatical gender*, i.e.:

‘**er**’ for all nouns with the article **der**

‘**sie**’ for all nouns with the article **die**

‘**es**’ for all nouns with the article **das**

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