**7.1** Using Pronouns

**Indefinite and Definite Pronouns**

Use **ONE** to refer to a singular *unspecified* noun.

Tom: Would you like to borrow a pen?

Liz: No, thanks. I have **one**. [*a pen; not a specific pen*]

Use **SOME** or **ANY** to refer to an unspecified non-count or plural noun.

Ted: Do you need to borrow any money?

Sue: No, thanks. I have **some**. [*some money*]

Ted: Don’t you want some quarters for the vending machine?

Sue: I think I have **some**. [*some quarters*]

Ted: Well, if you don’t have **any**, I have **some**.

Use **IT** and **THEM** to refer to *specific* nouns.

Tom: My new pen is great.

Liz: Can I see **it**? [*Tom’s pen; a specific pen*]

Tom: I also have some new colored markers. I got **them** on sale. [*Tom’s*

*new colored markers; specific markers*]

Use **YOU** to refer to a specific person or specific people, or to mean “anyone”.

Dave: Where are **you** from? [*a specific person*]

Alicia: **I**’m from Brazil.

Dave: What language do **you** speak in Brazil? [*a specific group of people*]

Alicia: **We** speak Portuguese.

Dave: I’m thinking about traveling to Brazil. Can **you** get around there

easily if **you** don’t speak Portuguese? [*anyone who travels to Brazil*]

Alicia: **You** can get around the major cities.

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*Fill in each blank with an appropriate pronoun. Use one of the following:*

a subject pronoun (**I, you, he, she, it, we, they**)

an object pronoun (**me, you, him, her, it, us, them**)

a reflexive pronoun (**myself, yourself, himself, herself, itself,**

**ourselves, yourselves, themselves**)

an indefinite pronoun (**one, some, any**)

1. Elise: Would you like some more coffee?

Ken: Yes, please. I’d love \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. This coffee is delicious. What kind

is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Elise: It’s chocolate raspberry flavored coffee. Would you like another

sandwich too?

Thanks, I’d love \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I don’t know why I’m so hungry today!

2. Liz: I bought three pounds of grapes yesterday. Would you like

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

Richard: No, thanks. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ look delicious, but I don’t feel like having

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ right now. Maybe I’ll have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ later.

3. Al: Your new car is wonderful! When did you buy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

Mario: I got \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the day before yesterday.

Al: I’d love to get \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but I don’t have any money.

4. Morely: Hey you guys! \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are making too much noise.

Rachel: Sorry about that. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ forgot that your roommate was studying.

Morely: That’s okay. Listen. If \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ want something to drink, go ahead

and help \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the soft drinks in the refrigerator.

5. Debbie: Where’s everybody going?

Elvis: We’re going to the art museum. Do \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ want to come with

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

Debbie: No, thanks. I’ve already been there. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is very nice.

Elvis: Who did you go with?

Debbie: Nobody. I went by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Elvis: By \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

Debbie: Yes. Nobody wanted to go with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, so I went alone.

Elvis: Can you buy anything there?

Debbie: Yes, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ can buy lots of interesting things in the gift shop. I

bought \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ beautiful notecards.

Elvis: Maybe I’ll get \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ too.

Debbie: Well, I have to go now. I’m sure that you will enjoy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at the

museum.

6. Otto: Where are you going?

Lotte: I’m going to get a fork.

Otto: Could you get \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for me too? I forgot to get \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as I

was going through the cafeteria line. I also forgot to get napkins.

Lotte: No problem. I’ll get \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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