

# Grammar 3: Little Words

- Pronouns
- Prepositions
- Conjunctions

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- **Pronouns**
  - words used in place of nouns
  - e.g., **he**, **it**, **they**



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- **Prepositions**

- they indicate direction or location
- or they simply associate a noun with something else in the sentence, usually another noun
- e.g., **in**, **of**, **among**, **to**

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- **Conjunctions**
  - they are used to connect words, sentences and sentence units
  - e.g., **and**, **because**, **so**, **until**



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## PRONOUNS

**Pronouns** take the place of nouns

- First person singular: **I, me, my, myself**
- First person plural: **we, us, our, ourselves**
- Second person singular: **you, your, yourself**
- Second person plural: **you, your, yourselves**

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- Third person singular:
  - masculine: he, his, him, himself
  - feminine: she, her, herself
  - neuter: it, its, itself
- Third person plural: they, them, their, themselves



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- When Patroclus saw the Trojan army, Achilles and Nestor ran to you and me

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- When **he** saw **it**, **they** ran to **us**



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## PREPOSITIONS

**Prepositions** show how a noun relates to other words in the sentence

- Achilles was sulking **in** his tent
- a greater truth lay **behind** his words
- “**Over** the river and **through** the dale,  
**To** Grandmother’s house we go”

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## CONJUNCTIONS

**Conjunctions** link words, sentences and sentence units

- words: the stars **and** stripes, up **or** down
- sentences: he spoke **but** no one answered; be comforted **for** all is well
- sentence units: **since** I arrived, all is well;  
**if** truth be told, I never met the man



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Idomeneus thrust hard at Erymas' mouth  
with his hard bronze. The spearhead passed on  
through  
beneath his brain and split the white brain-pan.  
His teeth were dashed out, blood filled both his  
eyes,  
and from his mouth and nostrils as he gaped  
he spurted blood. Death's cloud enveloped him.