

Identifying Pronouns

A **pronoun** is a word that is used in place of a noun. Pronouns include the following: *I, me, us, we, you, he, she, her, him, it, they, and them.*

Directions: Underline the pronouns in the following paragraphs.

Helen Keller

Helen Keller was born on June 27, 1880, in Tuscumbia, Alabama. At the age of 18 months, she became ill with a disease called brain fever. Some people believe it may have actually been scarlet fever. It left Helen deaf and blind. From that time through the age of seven, she was allowed to become wild and unruly.

Big changes occurred when Anne Sullivan came to Helen's home to be her teacher. Ms. Sullivan began trying to teach Helen sign language. Helen quickly learned the letters, but she did not realize that she was spelling words or that words existed. It wasn't until one day when Anne held Helen's hand under water and spelled *water* in her hand that Helen understood. In that one day, Helen learned 30 words. She quickly learned the alphabet in both sign language and Braille.

Helen learned to speak. She entered Cambridge School for Young Ladies in 1898 to prepare for Radcliffe College. While at Radcliffe, she began writing. In 1902, Helen's book *The Story of My Life* appeared. In 1904, she graduated from Cambridge with honors.

Anne Sullivan married John Macy in 1905. He was a well-known critic and socialist. Helen lived with them, and they helped her with her studies and other activities. Although Anne Sullivan died in 1936, Helen never forgot her. When Helen died in 1968, she was buried next to Anne.