

PROPER PRONOUNS

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A proper pronoun references a specific person in third person. Proper pronouns show who is spoken of. Proper pronouns can be capitalized at both the beginning of a sentence and in the body of a sentence. Proper pronouns are derived from the first letter of their first or last name:

	Nominative	Objective	Genitive
Kiki	K	K	K's
Devin	D	D	D's
Trung	T	T	T's

APPLICATION IN CLASSROOM AND OTHER SETTINGS

In formal settings (classroom, formal writing, public gatherings...), proper pronouns can be used as a way of avoiding mis-gendering or generically gendering* a person. Examples of proper pronouns used in sentences:

Kiki is a French professor. ***K*** works on gender inclusive classrooms. One of ***K's*** students asked...

As with proper name, individuals may request a derivative of one's proper pronoun in the same way that William may wish to be called Bill:

	Nominative	Objective	Genitive
Kiki	Ki	Ki	Ki's
Devin	Dev	Dev	Dev's
Trung	Tru	Tru	Tru's

GENERIC GENDERING

*Generic gendering is any usage of language that expresses an assumption about a person's gender. This practice is and has always been improper because generic gendering leads to misgendering.