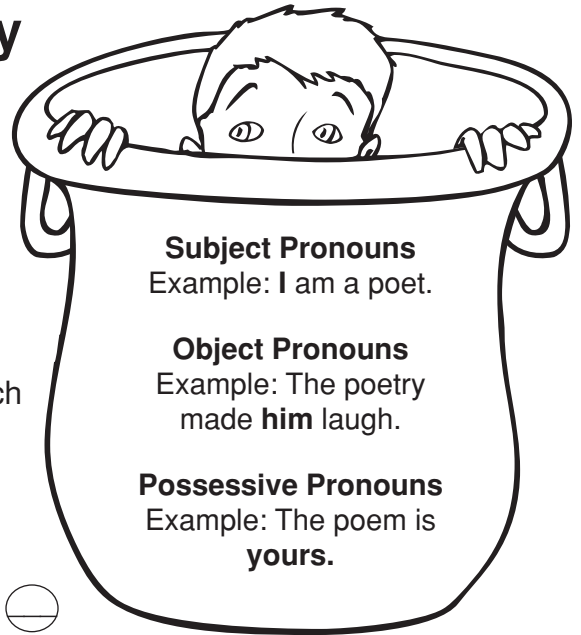


Pronoun Poetry

What's great about Shel Silverstein? In addition to writing great poetry, he uses lots of *pronouns*, words that take the place of nouns. Study the three types of pronouns shown on the cooking pot. Then read the poem below and follow the directions to complete the activity.



Directions: Underline the subject pronouns in red, object pronouns in green, and possessive pronouns in blue. Then write each pronoun on the spaces provided at the end of each line. When you finish, write the circled letters on the numbered lines below the poem to solve the puzzle.

Shel Silverstein

We all love the poems of Shel Silverstein.
 He turned out rhymes like a well-oiled machine.
 They're the funniest poems you have ever read;
 I bet you have a poem right now in your head.
 Surely you know about Peggy Ann McKay?
 She played sick to miss school on a SATURDAY!
 Or Hector, who collected incredible junk,
 Lovingly crammed in his old treasure trunk.
 There's Milford Dupree, who was incredibly crude.
 Milford talked and he laughed with a mouth full of food.
 There's a boa constrictor; it eats toe to snout.
 And Sarah, she just *won't* take the garbage out!
 Consider the sad fate of poor Jimmy Jet.
 Jet watched so much TV, he changed into a set!
 Shel told us great stories of a light in the attic,
 Where sidewalks end, and of folks who make magic.
 Go ahead now; get his books from your shelf.
 Find a comfortable chair and enjoy yourself!

1. _____ ○
2. ○ _____
3. ○ _____ 4. ○ _____
5. ○ 6. _____ ○ 7. _____ ○
8. _____ ○ _____
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17. _____ ○ _____
18. ○ _____ _____
19. _____ _____ 20. _____ ○ _____
21. _____ _____ _____ _____ _____

What were Shel Silverstein's final words as he prepared his pot of "Me-Stew"?

"... $\frac{\quad}{5}$ $\frac{\quad}{2}$ $\frac{\quad}{8}$ $\frac{p}{\quad}$ $\frac{\quad}{1}$ $\frac{\quad}{4}$ $\frac{\quad}{12}$ $\frac{\quad}{6}$ $\frac{\quad}{13}$ $\frac{n}{\quad}$ $\frac{j}{\quad}$ $\frac{\quad}{10}$ $\frac{\quad}{4}$ $\frac{m}{\quad}$ $\frac{\quad}{15}$
 $\frac{\quad}{18}$ $\frac{\quad}{11}$ $\frac{\quad}{3}$ $\frac{\quad}{16}$ $\frac{c}{\quad}$ $\frac{\quad}{7}$ $\frac{a}{\quad}$ $\frac{c}{\quad}$ $\frac{k}{\quad}$ $\frac{\quad}{9}$ $\frac{\quad}{20}$ $\frac{\quad}{17}$!"

BRAINWORK: On the back of this sheet, write your own pronoun poem. Use at least five different pronouns.

Answer Key for “Pronoun Poetry”

1. We, red
2. He, red
3. They, red
4. you, red
5. I, red
6. you, red
7. your, blue
8. you, red
9. She, red
10. who, red
11. his, blue
12. who, red
13. he, red
14. it, red
15. she, red
16. he, red
17. us, green
18. who, red
19. his, blue
20. your, blue
21. yourself, green

“...I hope you enjoy me with crackers!”

BRAINWORK: Poems will vary, but they should include at least five different pronouns.