

17. Third Person Pronouns

Complete the following table *in English*.

	Singular	Plural
Third Person He-She-It They	N: he-she-it G: his-hers-its D: to him-her-it A: him-her-it	N: they G: theirs D: to them A: them

Please underline the third person pronouns in the following essay.

The Rider

I am a sucker for a John Wayne movie. For one thing, I like a world in which good and evil are clearly identified by the color of hats and horses. But also, I like justice. When the Duke rides onto the screen, I rest assured that justice follows close behind. Good and evil will soon be repaid in exact proportion to their magnitude. How could I not cheer?

The first time I saw the trailer for the remake of True Grit I was offended. Why remake a masterpiece? I would have gladly joined a posse to bring the Coen brothers in and lock them up if I had been asked. But having watched the remake four times now, I have no choice but to declare myself a fan.

Good and evil are much more complicated in the new version. Recoil from the shot that brings justice to her father's murderer sends Maddie sprawling into a pit. In that blackness, serpents slither from the heart of a dead man and latch onto her hand.

Maddie winds up a spinster, walking around with a scowl and half an arm missing. Justice is messy business.

Good and evil are not hard to tell apart; they are just hard to take apart. Our world and our souls are fields of wheat sown with tares. It is hard to distinguish the good from the bad by their surface appearance, and hidden roots are hopelessly tangled. Our shameful treatment of a truly good man who rode into town on a donkey should give us pause to question our wisdom as judges.

In Saint John's vision of the apocalypse, the same rider will appear again on the human scene, this time not on a donkey but on a white horse with the sword of justice drawn. I cannot help but cheer for justice. But if John has it right and I must one day face that rider, I know without question that cry of my heart will not be for justice but for mercy.

Please supply the English translations for the Greek third person pronoun.

3rd Person Pronoun				
	M (2)	F (1)	N (2)	
Singular	Nom	αὐτός he	αὐτή she	αὐτό it
	Gen	αὐτοῦ his	αὐτῆς hers	αὐτοῦ its
	Dat	αὐτῷ to him	αὐτῇ to her	αὐτῷ to it
	Acc	αὐτόν him	αὐτήν her	αὐτό it
Plural	Nom	αὐτοί they	αὐταί they	αὐτά they
	Gen	αὐτῶν of them	αὐτῶν of them	αὐτῶν of them
	Dat	αὐτοῖς to them	αὐταῖς to them	αὐτοῖς to them
	Acc	αὐτούς them	αὐτάς them	αὐτά them

Underline the third person pronouns in the following text. Do not worry that you cannot yet translate this. You will be able to soon!

11.1 Ἦν δέ τις ἀσθενῶν, Λάζαρος ἀπὸ Βηθανίας ἐκ τῆς κώμης Μαρίας καὶ Μάρθας τῆς ἀδελφῆς αὐτῆς.² ἦν δὲ Μαριάμ ἡ ἀλείψασα τὸν κύριον μύρω καὶ ἐκμάξασα τοὺς πόδας αὐτοῦ ταῖς θριξίν αὐτῆς, ἧς ὁ ἀδελφὸς Λάζαρος ἠσθένει.³ ἀπέστειλαν οὖν αἱ ἀδελφαὶ πρὸς αὐτὸν λέγουσαι· Κύριε, ἴδε ὃν φιλεῖς ἀσθενεῖ.⁴ ἀκούσας δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν· Αὕτη¹ ἡ ἀσθένεια οὐκ ἔστιν πρὸς θάνατον ἀλλ' ὑπὲρ τῆς δόξης τοῦ θεοῦ ἵνα δοξασθῇ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ θεοῦ δι' αὐτῆς.⁵ ἠγάπα δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς τὴν Μάρθαν καὶ τὴν ἀδελφὴν αὐτῆς καὶ τὸν Λάζαρον.⁶ ὥς οὖν ἤκουσεν ὅτι ἀσθενεῖ, τότε μὲν ἔμεινεν ἐν ᾧ ἦν τόπῳ δύο ἡμέρας·

Match the underlined English pronoun with the corresponding Greek pronoun.

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| 5 I am sure <u>he</u> is the one. | 1 <u>αὐτόν</u> |
| 6 Give this candy <u>to her</u> . | 2 <u>ἡμᾶς</u> |
| 2 They are making life difficult for <u>us</u> . | 3 <u>αὐτοῖς</u> |
| 3 Give my best <u>to them</u> . | 4 <u>αὐτή</u> |
| 1 I find <u>him</u> a very likeable fellow. | 5 <u>αὐτός</u> |
| 4 <u>She</u> is my hero. | 6 <u>αὐτῇ</u> |
| 7 Where do you hide <u>it</u> ? | 7 <u>αὐτό</u> |

¹ Note the breathing. This is not a third person pronoun.