

THE PLACE OF PRONOUNS AMONG PARTS OF SPEECH

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The article aims at tracing the development of pronouns as a part of speech, as well as the trends in the way they are defined in contemporary linguistics. The focus will be on those features that have led to the pronouns' unification into a single class of words despite the diversity of forms included in it. I will consider the questions related to the grounds for the placing of the heterogeneous pronominal forms under a common denominator and the rethinking of their current status. Among the important issues requiring attention are: the selection of criteria responsible for the classification of the different groups of pronominal forms and for their positioning among the other parts of speech, and the study of the features of the category of person expressed by the lexemes under consideration, among others.

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