

The adjective pronouns may be subdivided into four sorts, namely, the *possessive*, the *distributive*, the *demonstrative*, and the *indefinite*.

1. The *possessive* are those which relate to possession of property.

There are seven of them; viz. *my*, *thy*, *his*, *her*, *our*, *your*, *their*.

*Mine* and *thine*, instead of *my* and *thy*, were formerly used before a substantive or adjective beginning with a vowel, or silent *h*; as, "Blot out all *mine* iniquities."

2. The *distributive* are those which denote the persons or things that make up a number, as taken separately and singly. They are *each*, *every*, *either*; as, "*Each* of his brothers is in a favorable situation; "*Every* man must account for himself;" "I have not seen *either* of them."

3. The *demonstrative* are those which precisely point out the subjects to which they relate; *this* and *that*, *these* and *those*, are of this class; as, "*This* is true charity; *that* is only its image."

*This* refers to the nearest person or thing, and *that* to the more distant; as, "*This* man is more intelligent than *that*." *This* indicates the latter, or last mentioned; *that*, the former, or first mentioned; as, "Wealth and poverty are both temptations; *that* tends to excite pride, *this* discontent."

4. The *indefinite* are those which express their subjects in an indefinite or general manner. The following are of this kind; *some*, *other*, *any*, *one*, *all*, *such*, &c.