

MISCELLANEOUS PRONOUNS

(preliminary information)

| nominative | accusative | dative | (genitive) | English |
|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| man (einer) | einen | einem | mans | <i>one, they, you, people, etc.</i> |
| jemand | jemanden | jemandem | jemand's | <i>someone</i> |
| niemand | niemanden | niemandem | neimands | <i>no one</i> |
| alle (plural) | alle | allen | | <i>everyone</i> |
| alles (singular) | alles | allem | | <i>everything</i> |
| nichts | nichts | nichts | | <i>nothing</i> |
| irgendjemand | irgendjemanden | irgendjemandem | irgendjemand's | <i>someone (very indeterminate)</i> |
| etwas | etwas | etwas | | <i>something</i> |
| irgendetwas | irgendetwas | irgendetwas | | <i>something (very indeterminate)</i> |

The possessive adjective “sein” can NOT refer to the pronoun “man.”

Typically a definite article is used with the adjective “eigen-” (*own*) to show possession with “man.”

(Ex: „Man muß den eignen Pinsel mitbringen.“ *One must bring one's [own] paintbrush along.*)

Note the distinction between “nicht” (*not*) and “nichts” (*nothing*).

The word “nicht” is an adverb and is typically used to negate a verb or a specific element in a sentence.

The word “nichts” is a pronoun and can act as a subject, direct object, etc.

OTHER WORDS WITH CASE FORMS

“irgendwelch-” / “irgendein-” (*some [noun] of indeterminate quality, some kind of*)

The determiners “irgendwelch-” and “irgendein-” take the case and gender endings based on the following noun.

The endings on “irgendwelch-” follow the same principles as for “welch-.”

Wir haben irgendwelchen Film gesehen. *We saw some old movie.*

The endings on “irgendein-” follow the same principles as for “ein-.”

Das muß irgendeine exotische Blume sein. *That must be some kind of exotic flower.*

“selbe” (*exactly the same, identical, the very same one*)

The adjective “selbe” takes adjective endings and attaches to the right of a definite article.

Wir haben denselben Kurs mitgemacht. *We took exactly the same course.*

Ich habe genau dasselbe gedacht. *I thought the very same thing.*

Erika hat bei dieselben Firma gearbeitet wie ich. *Erika worked for the same company that I did.*

Ralf wohnt jetzt in dieselben Wohnheim wie du. *Ralf lives in the same dorm as you.*

Das sind dieselben Hausaufgaben wie von gestern. *That is the exact same homework as yesterday.*