

Read and Discover

Interrogative and Indefinite Pronouns

Lesson 13

“Can **anyone** tell me **what** NASA stands for?” Ms. Sanchez asked her sixth-grade class.

“I can,” replied Astrid. “It stands for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.”

Circle the boldfaced word that asks a question. Underline the boldfaced word that refers to a group of people.

When the pronouns *who*, *whom*, *whose*, *which*, and *what* are used in questions, they are called **interrogative pronouns**. Use *who* as the subject of a clause or sentence. (*Who sent that e-mail message?*) Use *whom* as a direct or indirect object, or as the object of a preposition. (*For whom is that e-mail message?*) **Indefinite pronouns** refer to persons or things that are not identified as individuals. Indefinite pronouns include *all*, *anybody*, *anyone*, *both*, *either*, *anything*, *everyone*, *few*, *many*, *most*, *one*, *no one*, *several*, *nobody*, and *someone*.

See Handbook Sections 16 and 29

Part 1

Circle each boldfaced interrogative pronoun in the paragraphs below. Underline each boldfaced indefinite pronoun. (1–11)

“Now, **who** can tell me **what** NASA does?” asked Ms. Sanchez.

“It sends astronauts into space!” shouted Sol.

“That’s one part of NASA’s work,” Ms. Sanchez said.

“Does **anyone** know **what** else this agency does?”

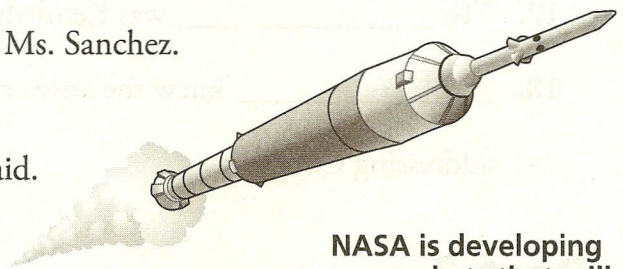
No one knew the answer to Ms. Sanchez’s question. She explained that NASA has different divisions. **Each** focuses on a specific area of research. The aeronautics division works to improve aircraft technology and safety. The exploration systems division develops new spacecraft technologies.

“**Which** of NASA’s divisions would develop new space vehicles?” Ms. Sanchez asked.

“The **one** that works on new spacecraft technologies,” replied Celeste.

“Very good, Celeste,” said Ms. Sanchez. “Now, I have another question for **all** of you. **Who** would be interested in working on a computer presentation about new NASA projects?”

Everyone in the class raised a hand.



NASA is developing new rockets that will send humans farther into space.