USING PRONOUNS CORRECTLY

PRONOUNS AS DIRECT OBJECTS

7c The *direct object* of a verb is always in the objective case.

A ***direct object*** is a noun or pronoun that receives the action of a verb or that shows the result of the action.

EXAMPLES The officer directed **me** to the right address. [*Me* tells *whom* the officer directed.]
Teresa gave **them** to her sister. [*Them* tells *what* Teresa gave.]

To choose the correct pronoun for use as a compound direct object, try each form of the pronoun separately.

EXAMPLE The audience applauded Geraldo and (*I, me*).
The audience applauded *I.* [incorrect use of nominative case]
The audience applauded *me.* [correct use of objective case]

ANSWER The audience applauded Geraldo and **me**.

EXERCISE 5 Choosing Correct Pronoun Forms

Complete each sentence below by writing an appropriate pronoun on the line or lines provided. Use a variety of pronouns, but do not use *you* or *it.* Make sure that each pronoun you choose makes sense in the sentence.

EX. 1. Fran took her brother and ____*me*____ to a concert.

1. Someone called _____ extremely late last night.
2. Please help _____ with the assignment.
3. Did you see _____ at the library?
4. The child answered _____ politely.
5. Professional scouts contacted _____ and _____ after the game.
6. Simon and Rebecca told _____ about their visit to Israel.
7. Tomorrow night my brother will drive _____ to the mall.
8. Dr. Maldonado treated _____ and the other hikers for frostbite.
9. The orchestra leader thanked _____ and _____ for attending the concert.
10. Aunt Maribeth surprised _____ by coming to rehearsal.

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EXERCISE 6 Proofreading for Correct Pronoun Case

Write the paragraph again and correct the pronouns on each numbered sentence. Some sentences are correct.

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EX. [1] They sent Zahara and ~~I~~ to the regional meeting.

[1] The members of our International Club surprised and pleased Zahara and I at the last meeting. [2] They chose she and me as representatives for the regional meeting. [3] They told me it was because Zahara is from East Africa and I am from Santiago, Chile. [4] Our international experiences have introduced we to many different cultures and beliefs. [5] Many students in our school, and particularly members of the International Club, have helped her and I in our new surroundings in the United States. [6] Now they are helping she and I in a whole new way.

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