

11 Subject and object pronouns



1 Form

	SINGULAR					PLURAL		
subject pronouns	<i>I</i>	<i>you</i>	<i>he</i>	<i>she</i>	<i>it</i>	<i>we</i>	<i>you</i>	<i>they</i>
object pronouns	<i>me</i>	<i>you</i>	<i>him</i>	<i>her</i>	<i>it</i>	<i>us</i>	<i>you</i>	<i>them</i>

2 Use

We use the pronouns *I/me*, *you/you*, *he/him*, *she/her*, *we/us* and *they/them* for people. We use subject pronouns before the verb. We use object pronouns after the verb.

SUBJECT	VERB	OBJECT	SUBJECT	VERB	OBJECT
 Christina ↓ She	→ likes	 David. ↓ him.	 Michael ↓ He	→ loves	 the children. ↓ them.

⚠ *Here's the postman.* ✗ *Comes every day at this time.*
✓ *He comes every day at this time.*

What do you think of our new teacher? ✗ *I like.*
✓ *I like her.*

3 Things and animals

We use the pronouns *it*, *they* and *them* for things and animals:
'Can I put these 5p coins in the ticket machine?' 'No, it doesn't accept them.'
There's a fox in our garden. It eats the food from the bins.

But if we know the sex of an animal we can also use *he/she/him/her*:
Jack has a cat called Fluffy. She is three years old.
it for weather, time, distance, etc. ➤ Unit 76.1

4 Object pronouns after prepositions and *be*

We also use object pronouns

- after prepositions (e.g. *near*, *to*, *of*):
Mr and Mrs Jenson live near us.
Can you give this letter to him?
'Which colour do you prefer?' 'I like both of them.'
- after the verb *be*:
'Who's that?' 'It's me.'
That's us in the photo.

Practice

1 Who/what is Clara talking about? Match the sentences.

- 0 'I like him.' → A George likes Tiggles and Fluffy.
- 1 'He likes me.' → B Clara likes Martin.
- 2 'We like them.' → C Helen likes her mobile phone.
- 3 'They like us.' → D Helen and George like Clara and Martin.
- 4 'He likes them.' → E Martin likes Clara.
- 5 'They like them.' → F Tiggles and Fluffy like George and Helen.
- 6 'She likes it.' → G Clara and Martin like Helen and George.



2 Choose the correct words in *italics*.

- 0 'Hello. Is that you, Jane?' 'Yes, it's me / I'
- 1 Have you seen my keys? I can't find they / them.
- 2 Do you live near him / he?
- 3 Every Tuesday me / I go to an exercise class.
- 4 There's too much pasta on my plate.
I can't eat all of it / them.
- 5 Is that they / you in the photograph?
- 6 We / Us walk to college. It's not very far.
- 7 She's got two computers. She uses both of them / they.
- 8 Who's that in the photo? It's we / us.
- 9 Juana gave I / me a fantastic present.
- 10 I told you / we to be quiet!

3 GRAMMAR IN USE Replace the underlined words with pronouns.

JEMMA Have you got any brothers and sisters? Can you tell me about (0) your brothers and sisters? them.....

HILAL Well, I've got one sister – her name is Meena.

JEMMA Is (1) Meena older than you?

HILAL No, (2) Meena is the same age as me. (3) Meena and I are twins.

JEMMA And have you got any brothers?

HILAL Yes, I've got one brother. (4) My brother is called Ali.

(5) Ali is older than my sister and me.

JEMMA Do you live with your parents?

HILAL No, I don't. (6) My parents live in Salford. I live in a student flat in London.

JEMMA Where is (7) the flat?

HILAL (8) The flat is near the university.

JEMMA Do you see your brother and sister very often?

HILAL Yes, I see my brother once a week. I go to football with (9) my brother
every Saturday. But I don't see my sister very often. I only see (10) my sister
when I visit my parents.

4 Answer the questions about you. Use pronouns and full sentences.

- 0 What's your job? I'm a student.....
- 1 How old are you?
- 2 Where was your mother born?
- 3 Where do your parents live?