

Subject and Object Pronouns

Subject pronouns are those pronouns that perform the action in a sentence. They are **I, you, he, she, we, they,** and **who**. English grammar requires that the subject come before the verb in a sentence (except in questions).

I **make** cookies for my co-workers every Sunday.
SP **V**

In this sentence, "I" is the actor (subject pronoun) performing the action of making (verb).

Object pronouns are those pronouns that receive the action in a sentence. They are **me, you, him, her, us, them,** and **whom**. With few exceptions, English grammar requires that objects follow the verb in a sentence.

(An object pronoun can also be used after prepositions, i.e. "I will go **with him**." In this article, we will only focus on nouns as recipients as these are the most frequently confused.)

I **give** **them** cookies every week.
SP **V** **OP**

In this sentence, "I" is the actor (subject pronoun) performing the action of making (verb). "Them" is the noun receiving the giving; it is the object.

Sometimes, students get confused when dealing with two pronouns at once. Should people speak to she and I? Should they speak to me and her? Or should they speak to she and me?

The answer is easy. Don't mix cases. Both of the pronouns will be in either the subjective or objective case.

She and **I** went to the movies.

If you have any questions, you can ask either **her** or **me**.

Mark the following sentences as correct or incorrect. If the sentence is correct, tick the box. If the sentence is incorrect, write the correct form.

- Martha and Jim are in the office. _____
- She is telling they a joke. _____
- Jim made a copy of the report for Lucy and I. _____
- I have to go. Mark is calling us. _____
- Them are really good paintings. _____
- Jim and me are planning a surprise for Sue's birthday. _____
- We will give her extra cookies next week. _____
- When did you give the money to they? _____
- The letter was sent to he and me. _____