

I and me (subject and object pronouns)

1 Look at this:

SUBJECT + VERB + OBJECT

Mary saw Peter and Paul.
She saw them.

Note that we can use **she** (subject pronoun) instead of **Mary**, and **them** (object pronoun) instead of **Peter and Paul**.

2 Here are the subject and object pronouns:

	SUBJECT		OBJECT	
Singular	1	I	9	me
	2	you	10	you
	3	he	11	him
	4	she	12	her
	5	it	13	it
Plural	6	we	14	us
	7	you	15	you
	8	they	16	them

We must always have a subject in English:
They are coming. (NOT *Are coming.*)

3 Look at the subject and object pronouns (1–16) in this conversation:

A: I (1) saw Sheila yesterday, but she (4) didn't see me (9).

B: Are you (2) going to see her (12) tomorrow?

A: No, I'm meeting Steve. We (6) 're playing golf.

B: You (7) 're both beginners! It (5) isn't an easy game. I played it (13) last year and I was terrible!

A: Why don't you come with us (14)? We can help you (10).

B: I would like to play with you (15) both tomorrow, but my brother is leaving in the afternoon. He (3) is catching the two o'clock train, and we're taking him (11) to the station. He's spending a month with our aunt and uncle. They (8) live in Scotland. I stayed with them (16) last year.

4 We use it for things and for the weather, time, days, dates, distances, and for animals: *I'm studying economics. It's a difficult subject.*

It's hot today.

It's four o'clock.

It's Tuesday. It's the third of April.

It's 200 miles to York.

Look at that bird! It's eating the bread.

Practice

A Write these sentences using subject and object pronouns instead of the underlined words.

▶ John and I saw Peter yesterday. He bought John and me a cup of coffee.
We saw Peter yesterday. He bought us a cup of coffee.

1 David and Mike are arriving today. I'm meeting David and Mike at the station.

2 I'm looking for Mary. Have you seen Mary? Mary isn't at home.

3 John and I saw a film called The Tiger yesterday. Have you seen The Tiger?

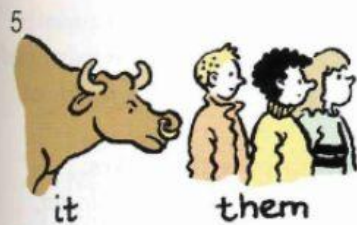
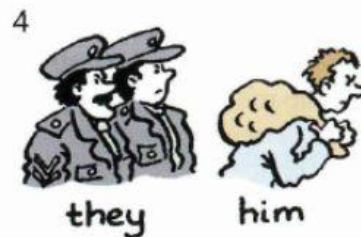
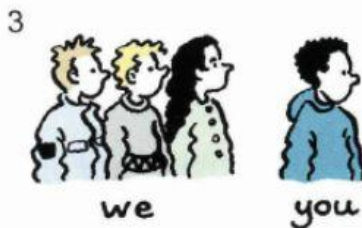
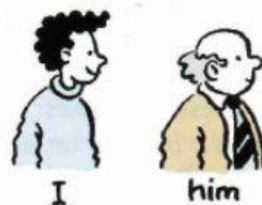
4 Come to the swimming pool with Joanna and me. Joanna and I are leaving now.

5 George and Jane are meeting Paul today. Paul is having lunch with George and Jane.

6 There's Jack! Jack's got a heavy suitcase. Shall we help Jack?

B Look at the pictures and put pronouns in the gaps.

- ▶ I..... saw him....., but he..... didn't see me.....
- 1 saw, but didn't see
 - 2 saw, but didn't see
 - 3 saw, but didn't see
 - 4 saw, but didn't see
 - 5 saw, but didn't see
 - 6 saw, but didn't see
 - 7 saw, but didn't see



C James is talking about himself and his family. Put subject pronouns (I, you, etc.) in the gaps.

Hi! (▶) I..... am James and (1)..... live in Australia.
 (2)..... 've got two brothers. (3)..... 're called Pete and Mike. My mother works at the hospital. (4)..... is a doctor. My father works in a sports shop. (5)..... works very hard. The shop makes a lot of money, and (6)..... 's always full of people.

Now put object pronouns (me, you, etc.) in the gaps.

On Saturdays I work for my father. I help (7)..... in the shop, and he gives (8)..... some money. On Sundays we go to the beach. We have two dogs, and we take (9)..... with us. We also take a ball and they play with (10)..... on the beach while we swim in the sea.

Now put object or subject pronouns in the gaps.

At the moment I'm at university. I'm studying business. (11)..... 's an interesting subject. Two of my schoolfriends are at university with (12)..... . Our teachers are good but (13)..... give (14)..... a lot of work to do. Next week (15)..... are all taking our first exams. I want to get good marks in (16)..... .

