

11 Subject and object pronouns



1 Form

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

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 Jensen 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.

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| 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*.

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

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