

# Pronouns 1

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# Quick and Handy Grammar Review

Pronouns can be people, places, or things. Pronouns refer to nouns that we already know. This lesson will cover **subject pronouns**, **object pronouns**, **possessive adjectives**, and **possessive pronouns**.

## A. Subject Pronouns

Person	Singular			Plural
First	<b>I</b> <i>I am from Korea.</i>			<b>we</b> <i>We are happy to be here.</i>
Second	<b>you</b> <i>You are very nice.</i>			<b>you</b> <i>You are all invited to my house.</i>
Third	<b>he</b> <i>He is a pharmacist.</i>	<b>she</b> <i>She is tired.</i>	<b>it</b> <i>It has brown fur.</i>	<b>they</b> <i>They are never late.</i>

**Note #1:**

The pronoun *I* is always capitalized.

- ✓ **Maria and I** are friends.
- ✗ **Maria and i** are friends.

**Note #2:**

Never use *me* in a subject position.

- ✓ **Maria and I** are friends.
- ✗ **Maria and me** are friends.

**Note #3:**

Never start a sentence with *me*.

- ✓ **Maria and I** are friends.
- ✗ **Me and Maria** are friends.

## B. Object Pronouns

Person	Singular			Plural
First	<b>me</b> <i>Maria called <b>me</b> at 3:00 am.</i>			<b>us</b> <i>Sandra invited <b>us</b> to dinner.</i>
Second	<b>you</b> <i>Laura talked about <b>you</b> yesterday.</i>			<b>you</b> <i>John wants all of <b>you</b> to go to the party.</i>
Third	<b>him</b> <i>The teacher asked <b>him</b> a question.</i>	<b>her</b> <i>The manager gave <b>her</b> a promotion.</i>	<b>it</b> <i>Mike watched <b>it</b> last night.</i>	<b>them</b> <i>The airline gave <b>them</b> free tickets.</i>

**Note #1:**

Object pronouns can be the object of a *verb* or the object of a *preposition*.

- She called **him**. (object of the verb *called*)
- She talked to **him**. (object of the preposition *to*)

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### C. Possessive Adjectives

Person	Singular			Plural
First	<b>my</b> <i>My book is on the table.</i>			<b>our</b> <i>Our dog has fleas.</i>
Second	<b>your</b> <i>Is that <b>your</b> pen?</i>			<b>your</b> <i>Are these girls <b>your</b>* children?                      (*your refers to both parents)</i>
Third	<b>his</b> <i>His black coat is on the chair.</i>	<b>her</b> <i>I can't find <b>her</b> toothbrush.</i>	<b>its</b> <i>Its* food bowl is red.                      (*its refers to a pet)</i>	<b>their</b> <i>I want to live in <b>their</b> house.</i>

**Note #1:**

Possessive adjectives are always followed by a noun.

**Note #2:**

Possessive adjectives are more common than possessive pronouns.

**Note #3:**

*Its* is a possessive adjective.  
*Its* can never be a possessive pronoun.

### D. Possessive Pronouns

Person	Singular			Plural
First	<b>mine</b> <i>That book on the table is <b>mine</b>.</i>			<b>ours</b> <i>That dog is <b>ours</b>.</i>
Second	<b>yours</b> <i>Is that pen <b>yours</b>?</i>			<b>yours</b> <i>Are those children <b>yours</b>*?                      (*yours refers to both parents)</i>
Third	<b>his</b> <i>That black coat is <b>his</b>.</i>	<b>hers</b> <i>The pink toothbrush is <b>hers</b>.</i>	<b>—</b>	<b>theirs</b> <i>The big house on the corner is <b>theirs</b>.</i>

**Note #1:**

Possessive pronouns are never followed by a noun.

**Note #2:**

Possessive pronouns are usually at the end of a sentence after the *Be* verb.

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### E. Review

<b>Subject Pronouns Vs. Object Pronouns</b>				
	<b>SINGULAR</b>		<b>PLURAL</b>	
<b>Person</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Object</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Object</b>
First	I	me	we	us
Second	you	you	you	you
Third	he	him	they	them
	she	her		
	it	it		

<b>Possessive Adjectives Vs. Possessive Pronouns</b>				
	<b>SINGULAR</b>		<b>PLURAL</b>	
<b>Person</b>	<b>Adjective</b>	<b>Pronoun</b>	<b>Adjective</b>	<b>Pronoun</b>
First	my	mine	our	ours
Second	your	yours	your	yours
Third	his	his	their	theirs
	her	hers		
	its	—		

## Exercise 1

## SUBJECT PRONOUNS

Change the subject noun in each sentence to a subject pronoun.

#	Sentence with a subject noun	Sentence with a subject pronoun
1	<b>John</b> is the floor manager.	<u>He</u> is the floor manager.
2	<b>Ricardo</b> really likes Mary.	_____ really likes Mary.
3	<b>Hank's dog</b> is a poodle.	_____ is a poodle.
4	<b>Maria</b> is a dog trainer.	_____ is a dog trainer.
5	<b>Bob and Gina</b> are best friends.	_____ are best friends.
6	<b>Theo and I</b> work at the mall.	_____ work at the mall.
7	<b>The book</b> is very long.	_____ is very long.
8	<b>The pillows</b> are made of feathers.	_____ are made of feathers.
9	<b>The teacher and the student</b> met at 3:00.	_____ met at 3:00.
10	<b>Adam and I</b> ate lunch together.	_____ ate lunch together.

## Exercise 2

### OBJECT PRONOUNS

Change the object noun in each sentence to an object pronoun.

#	Sentence with an object noun	Sentence with an object pronoun
1	Johnson bought <b>a dog</b> at the kennel.	Johnson bought <u>it</u> at the kennel.
2	Ricardo really likes <b>Mary</b> .	Ricardo really likes _____ .
3	I can't take <b>this situation</b> anymore.	I can't take _____ anymore.
4	Brooke read <b>a long book</b> in one night.	Brooke read _____ in one night.
5	Bob went on vacation with <b>Joe</b> .	Bob went on vacation with _____ .
6	I drank <b>two cups of coffee</b> at the mall.	I drank _____ at the mall.
7	Nestor contacted <b>my sister</b> yesterday.	Nestor contacted _____ yesterday.
8	Gina ate <b>two sandwiches</b> at Tom's house.	Gina ate _____ at Tom's house.
9	The professor called on <b>Sunhee and Junko</b> .	The professor called on _____ .
10	Mr. Sampson ate <b>an apple</b> .	Mr. Sampson ate _____ .

## Exercise 3

## SUBJECT AND OBJECT PRONOUNS

Decide if each sentence needs a subject or object pronoun.

1. Henry and \_\_\_\_\_ are going to the game tomorrow.  
a) I  
b) me
2. When Carla speaks French, Mary can't understand \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) she  
b) her
3. Han Bin and \_\_\_\_\_ went to the movies.  
a) I  
b) her
4. \_\_\_\_\_ and her brother often eat at that restaurant.  
a) She  
b) Her
5. The rent is too high for \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) they  
b) them
6. \_\_\_\_\_ is the best friend I've ever had.  
a) Her  
b) She
7. Chris and \_\_\_\_\_ went to Vietnam together.  
a) I  
b) me
8. I don't want to talk to \_\_\_\_\_ or his brother.  
a) he  
b) him
9. I met Mey Lin and \_\_\_\_\_ at the movie theater.  
a) she  
b) her
10. May \_\_\_\_\_ come in now?  
a) we  
b) us
11. If you see your parents tonight, give \_\_\_\_\_ my best regards.  
a) they  
b) them
12. The coach called Bob and \_\_\_\_\_ last night.  
a) I  
b) me
13. \_\_\_\_\_ met a friend of ours at the mall yesterday.  
a) Us  
b) We
14. I can't find my books. Can I use yours, Joe? I will give \_\_\_\_\_ back tomorrow.  
a) them  
b) they
15. \_\_\_\_\_ are the best players on the team.  
a) They  
b) Them
16. Can you take this letter and give \_\_\_\_\_ to Louisa?  
a) it  
b) her
17. Paul called Lisa and \_\_\_\_\_ because he wants us to travel to Italy together.  
a) I  
b) me
18. \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't want to talk about the terrible game anymore.  
a) He  
b) Him
19. Mika and \_\_\_\_\_ are best friends.  
a) me  
b) I
20. Margarita sent \_\_\_\_\_ an email about the test.  
a) we  
b) us

## Exercise 4

### SUBJECT AND OBJECT PRONOUNS

Write sentences about your family using subject or object pronouns. Then tell your partner about your family.

#	Family Member	Example	My Family
1	Mother	She is a good cook.	
2	Father	I like talking to him.	
3	Brother	He plays the guitar.	
4	Sister	I play baseball with her.	
5	Grandfather	He is 84 years old.	
6	Grandmother	We visit her every Sunday.	
7	Pet	I have a dog. It is friendly.	
8	_____ (your choice)		

## Exercise 5

### SUBJECT AND OBJECT PRONOUNS

Locate the error, correct it, and rewrite each sentence correctly.

1. Me and Diana work together.

*Diana and I work together.*

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2. Ricky and me are both taking psychology.
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3. My brother lives in Ohio with Paula and I.
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4. Maria she is a dancer.
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5. Is you the manager of this store?
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6. The teacher is talking to we.
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7. Its a girl!
- 

8. Them are both from China.
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9. Are we going with they?
- 

10. Me and Joanna don't know how to cook.
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## Exercise 6

### POSSESSIVE ADJECTIVES

Answer each question with the correct possessive adjective.

1. Whose book is this? It's my book.  
(I)
2. Whose hat is this? It's \_\_\_\_\_ hat.  
(he)
3. Whose dog is this? It's \_\_\_\_\_ dog.  
(they)
4. Whose laptop is this? It's \_\_\_\_\_ laptop.  
(I)
5. Whose cell phone is this? It's \_\_\_\_\_ cell phone.  
(she)
6. Whose car is this? It's \_\_\_\_\_ car.  
(we)
7. Whose dictionary is this? It's \_\_\_\_\_ dictionary.  
(you)
8. Whose pen is this? It's \_\_\_\_\_ pen.  
(he)
9. Whose mug is this? It's \_\_\_\_\_ mug.  
(she)
10. Whose camera is this? It's \_\_\_\_\_ camera.  
(you)
11. Whose cat is this? It's \_\_\_\_\_ cat.  
(they)
12. Whose pencil is this? It's \_\_\_\_\_ pencil.  
(he)
13. Whose cookies are these? They're \_\_\_\_\_ cookies.  
(we)
14. Whose glasses are these? They're \_\_\_\_\_ glasses.  
(I)
15. Whose shoes are these? They're \_\_\_\_\_ shoes.  
(you)

## Exercise 7

### POSSESSIVE PRONOUNS

Complete each sentence with the correct possessive pronoun.

#	Sentence with a Noun	Sentence with a Possessive Pronoun
1	Is that your bag?	Is that _____ ?
2	That is Maria's book over there.	That book over there is _____ .
3	This is our house.	This house is _____ .
4	The professor's bag is on the desk.	The bag on the desk is _____ .
5	That is my coat.	The coat is _____ .
6	The wrestling coach left his pen on the chair.	The pen on the chair is _____ .
7	That is Roger's bike on the lawn.	The bike on the lawn is _____ .
8	That is my laptop on the desk.	The laptop on the desk is _____ .
9	This notebook is Wendy's.	This notebook is _____ .
10	That is Mr. and Mrs. Kim's van.	The van parked over there is _____ .

## Exercise 8

### POSSESSIVE ADJECTIVES OR PRONOUNS

Using a check mark (✓), indicate whether the possessive word (in **bold**) is an adjective or a pronoun.

#	Sentence	Adjective	Pronoun
1	The pen on the table is <b>mine</b> .		
2	Is this iPad <b>yours</b> ?		
3	What is <b>your</b> name?		
4	<b>My</b> father works for the government.		
5	The car parked in front of the school is <b>theirs</b> .		
6	<b>Their</b> aunt is a chef.		
7	Where is <b>his</b> laptop?		
8	The sweater on the table is <b>hers</b> .		
9	<b>His</b> is blue, not green.		
10	The pizza in the break room is <b>theirs</b> .		

## Exercise 9

### REVIEW

*Class Survey:* Ask your classmates these questions, and write their answers in the chart below. Try to speak to a new classmate for each question. Use pronouns/adjectives as often as you can. Write the answers in complete sentences.

#	Question	Classmate	Answer
1	What is your mother like?		
2	What is your father like?		
3	What is your best friend like?		
4	Who is your ideal date?		
5	What is your favorite animal?		
6	What is your favorite movie?		
7	What is your best friend's favorite movie?		
8	What is your favorite room in the house?		
9	What is your hometown like?		
10	What is your family's favorite holiday?		

## Exercise 10

### REVIEW

*Quiz:* Complete the multiple-choice quiz with the correct pronoun or adjective.

1. Is that \_\_\_\_\_ wallet?  
a) my  
b) mine
2. \_\_\_\_\_ went to school.  
a) She  
b) Her
3. I see you tried the cake that I made.  
Did you like \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
a) it  
b) them
4. She called \_\_\_\_\_ after class.  
a) he  
b) him
5. Is that book \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
a) your  
b) yours
6. Mario and \_\_\_\_\_ are going to the movies later.  
a) I  
b) me
7. Don't give your dog \_\_\_\_\_ food until after the walk.  
a) it's  
b) its
8. The red house is \_\_\_\_\_ .  
a) our  
b) ours
9. The test was difficult for you and \_\_\_\_\_ .  
a) I  
b) me
10. \_\_\_\_\_ grades are improving.  
a) Their  
b) They

## Answer Key

### Exercise 1

- |       |        |         |         |         |
|-------|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1. He | 3. It  | 5. They | 7. It   | 9. They |
| 2. He | 4. She | 6. We   | 8. They | 10. We  |

### Exercise 2

- |        |       |         |         |         |
|--------|-------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1. it  | 3. it | 5. him  | 7. her  | 9. them |
| 2. her | 4. it | 6. them | 8. them | 10. it  |

### Exercise 3

- |      |      |       |       |       |
|------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1. a | 5. b | 9. b  | 13. b | 17. b |
| 2. b | 6. b | 10. a | 14. a | 18. a |
| 3. a | 7. a | 11. b | 15. a | 19. b |
| 4. a | 8. b | 12. b | 16. a | 20. b |

### Exercise 4

Answers will vary. Let your students know that they can choose different family members if the ones listed don't apply to them.

### Exercise 5

- Diana and I** work together.
- Ricky and **I** are both taking psychology.
- My brother lives in Ohio with Paula and **me**.
- Maria is** a dancer. / **She is** a dancer.
- Are** you the manager of this store?
- The teacher is talking to **us**.
- It's** a girl!
- They are** both from China.
- Are we going with **them**?
- Joanna and I** don't know how to cook.

### Exercise 6

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|----------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|
| 1. my    | 4. my  | 7. your | 10. your  | 13. our  |
| 2. his   | 5. her | 8. his  | 11. their | 14. my   |
| 3. their | 6. our | 9. her  | 12. his   | 15. your |

### Exercise 7

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|-------------|-------------|------------|
| 1. yours    | 5. mine     | 9. hers    |
| 2. hers     | 6. his/hers | 10. theirs |
| 3. ours     | 7. his      |            |
| 4. his/hers | 8. mine     |            |

### Exercise 8

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|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1. pronoun   | 5. pronoun   | 9. pronoun  |
| 2. pronoun   | 6. adjective | 10. pronoun |
| 3. adjective | 7. adjective |             |
| 4. adjective | 8. pronoun   |             |

### Exercise 9

Answers will vary.

### Exercise 10

- |      |      |      |      |       |
|------|------|------|------|-------|
| 1. a | 3. a | 5. b | 7. b | 9. b  |
| 2. a | 4. b | 6. a | 8. b | 10. a |

#### SPELLING NOTES:

This lesson shows the American spelling of the words *Theater* and *Favorite*. Other English-speaking countries spell these words this way: *Theatre* and *Favourite*. Make it a challenge for your students to find these words in the lesson and see if they know the alternate spellings.

Also note that *Cell phone* is preferred in North American English, while *Mobile phone* is preferred in British English.