

Subject and Object Pronouns

We use a pronoun when we don't want to repeat a noun or a noun phrase.

Subject Pronouns

The English subject pronouns are: I, you, he, she, it, we, they. (Of course, we use 'you' when we're talking to one person and when we're talking to more than one person.)

- **I** like London.
- **You** have eaten the chocolate.
- **He** plays football.
- **She** hates mushrooms.
- **It** was cold.
- **We** are French.
- **They** are going home.

Object Pronouns

In English, we also have object pronouns. These are: me, you, him, her, it, us, them. Notice that 'it' and 'you' are the same when they're subject pronouns or object pronouns.

We use the object pronouns in most situations when the pronoun is not the subject of a verb.

1: We use them for the object of a verb.

- John knows **me**.
- Amanda kissed **you**.
- The dog licked **him**.
- David hugged **her**.
- The teacher dropped **it**.
- The children love **us**.
- Luke helped **them**.

2: We use them after a preposition (including after phrasal verbs)

- It's important to **me**.
- Can the children come with **you**?
- Look at **her**!
- The chocolate is for **him**.
- David is looking forward to **it**.
- Keep up with **us**!
- Lucy works for **them**.

3: We use them after 'be' (In very formal English, the subject pronoun is sometimes used here, but this is very old-fashioned and unusual.)

- Who's there? It's **me**!
- It's **you**.
- This is **her**.
- It was **him**!

4: We use them with short answers

- A: Who's there? B: **Me!**
- A: Who ate the cake? B: **Him!**
- A: I'm tired. B: **Me** too.

With short answers, we can also use a subject pronoun + a verb. This sounds a bit more formal than the object pronoun alone.

- A: Who's there? B: **I** am!
- A: Who ate the cake? B: **He** did!
- A: I'm tired. B: **I** am too.

5: We use them after 'as' and 'than' for comparison.

- She is as tall as **me**.
- He is taller than **her**.
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We can again use the subject pronoun + a verb in the same situation.

- She is taller than I am.
- He is taller than she is.

6: We use them after 'but' and 'except'.

- Everybody went home early but **me**.
- Everybody went home early except **him**.