
PRONOUNS

There are three Pronoun Cases:

1. **Subjective case:** pronouns used as subject
2. **Objective case:** pronouns used as objects of verbs or prepositions
3. **Possessive case:** pronouns which express ownership

Pronouns as SUBJECTS

I
you
he, she, it
we
they
who

Pronouns as OBJECTS

me
you
him, her, it
us
them
whom

Pronouns that show POSSESSION

my (mine)
your (yours)
his, her (hers), it (its)
our (ours)
their (theirs)
whose

The pronouns THIS, THAT, THESE, THOSE, and WHICH do not change form.

Some problems of case:

1. **In compound structures, where there are two pronouns or a noun and a pronoun, drop the other noun for a moment. Then you can see which case you should use.**

NOT: Bob and me travel a good deal.

(Would you say, "me travel"?)

CORRECT: Bob and I travel a good deal.

NOT: He gave the flowers to Jane and I.

(Would you say, "he gave the flowers to I"?)

CORRECT: He gave the flowers to Jane and me.

NOT: Us men like the coach.

(Would you say, "us like the coach"?)

CORRECT: We men like the coach.

- 2. In comparisons. Comparisons are really shorthand sentences which usually omit words, such as those in the parentheses in the sentences below. If you complete the comparison in your head, you can choose the correct case for the pronoun. Comparisons usually follow *than* or *as*:**

He is taller than I (am tall).

NOT: He is taller than me.

(Would you say, "He is taller than me am tall"?)

This helps you as much as (it helps) me.

She is as noisy as I (am noisy).

Using Pronouns Clearly

Exercises:

1. John and ____ took the car for a drive.
A. Me B. I
2. ____ teachers enjoy vacations as much as the students.
A. We B. Us
3. John is not smarter than ____ .
A. I B. me
4. If a car needs gas, ____ needs to be driven to a gas station.
A. they B. it
5. Everybody should try ____ best on the test.
A. his or her B. their
6. Neither of the boys confessed to ____ crime.
A. their B. his
7. Neither passenger had ____ seatbelts on.
A. their B. her
8. If a student is hungry, ____ can eat in the cafeteria.
A. he B. they

Answers:

1. B 2. A 3. A 4. B 5. A 6. B 7. B 8. A.