



Parts of Speech : Pronoun (Rules)

Part: 2

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# Pronoun: Rules

**Rule 1.** Objective case is used after the following words. Let, like, but, except, between etc.

1. It is no one else but him who has done this crime.
2. Let me come inside.
3. She likes me.

**Rule 2.** Words such as 'as good as' 'as well as' 'as soon as' 'as beautiful as' 'as intelligent as' etc are followed by nominative case.

(Comparison between two subjects)

1. No one is as intelligent as he.
2. In studies he is as good as I.

Note: I know you as much as him. (comparison between two objects)

**Rule 3.** 2, 3, 1, This rule applies to singular pronouns only.

1. I, you and she are good friends. (incorrect)

2. You, she and I are good friends. (correct)

**Rule 4.** 2, 3, 1, becomes 1,2,3, when we are talking plural pronouns.

1. We, you and they will go to the party.
2. We, you and they will take dinner together.

**Rule 5.** After 'than' we always use nominative case of pronoun.

1. She is more intelligent than me. (incorrect)

2. She is more intelligent than I. (correct)

**Rule 6.** 'Either and neither' are always used in relation to two things or two persons, for more than two 'Any', or 'None' must be used.

1. Either of the two girls can pay for it.
2. Neither of the two brothers has been selected.
3. Any one of the employees can claim it.
4. None of the students of this class has passed.

**Rule 7.** If 'It' is used as a subject and is followed by 'be' the pronoun is in nominative case.

It is I not it is me.



## Rule 8. Reflexive pronoun is used after certain verbs.

Avail, acquit, apply, avenge, reconcile, adapt, absent, **enjoy**, adjust, amuse etc.

1. You should avail yourself for the interview.
2. I enjoyed the party. (enjoy + Object)
3. I enjoyed myself during the break.

**Rule 9.** Reflexive pronoun is not used with these verbs:

Keep, stop, turn, qualify, bathe, move, rest etc.

1. You should keep yourself away from bad boys. (incorrect)
2. You should keep away from bad boys. (correct)

