## Personal pronouns: Putting it all together

A personal pronoun is a word that replaces a noun in a sentence.

## Deciding what pronoun to use

Match the number (singular or plural), gender (masculine, feminine, neuter), and form (subject, object, possessive) of the noun you are replacing.

Singular pronouns				
	Subject	Object	Possessive	
Masculine	he	him	his	
Feminine	she	her	her, hers	
Neuter	it	it	its	
	1	me	my, mine	
	you	you	your	

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	Subject	Object	Possessive	
Masculine	they	them	their, theirs	
Feminine	they	them	their, theirs	
Neuter	they	them	their, theirs	
	we	us	our, ours	
	you	your	yours	

Examples:	
Singular feminine subject	Jennifer texts on her phone all day. She even texts at the beach.
Singular neuter object	I parked the <b>car</b> in huge parking lot. Now I can't find <b>it.</b>
Singular masculine possessive	I forgot <b>John's</b> address. I knew <b>his</b> address yesterday.
Plural mixed gender subject	<b>John and Jennifer</b> walked to the car. <b>They</b> remembered where it was.
Plural masculine possessive	We couldn't find <b>Carl and Ming's</b> keys. We looked everywhere for <b>their</b> keys.

Using I or me in a sentence: Use I for the subject and me for the object. Name yourself second!

Naming yourself as a subject

She and I went to the movies.

Naming yourself as an object

The boss thanked Jen and me for our work.

To decide if you have chosen the right pronoun, try leaving the other pronoun out of the sentence and see if it sounds correct.

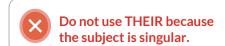
## Replacing singular nouns when you don't know the gender: Do not use their

## Three different options:

Use both his and her

Anybody could have his or her identity stolen.

The employee should submit his or her report each week



Use one pronoun, either masculine or feminine

The employee should submit **her** report each week.

Rewrite the sentence to make the subject plural

**Employees** should submit **their** reports each week.