

Pronouns

Personal pronouns

subject	object
I	me
you	you
he	him
she	her
it	it
we	us
you	you
they	them

PERSONAL PRONOUNS replace nouns:

- ▶ *Silvia is from Argentina. **She's** a student.*
- I met **her** in Madrid.*

Subject pronouns

SUBJECT PRONOUNS are used mainly as subjects before verbs:

- ▶ *I live in Valencia.*
- ▶ ***They** are leaving tomorrow.*

Object pronouns

OBJECT PRONOUNS are used in most other cases:

- after the verb **to be**:
 - ▶ *Who's there? It's **me**.*
- in comparisons:
 - ▶ *She's taller than **him**.*
- after prepositions:
 - ▶ *They got there before **us**.*
- when they stand alone:
 - ▶ *'Who came first?' '**Me!**'*

Reflexive pronouns

myself	ourselves
yourself	yourselves
himself	themselves
herself	
itself	

REFLEXIVE PRONOUNS are used:

- when you do something to yourself:
 - ▶ *He hurt **himself** when he fell over.*
 - ▶ *Look at **yourself** in the mirror.*
- **NOTE** Many reflexive verbs do not have the idea of doing something to yourself:
 - ▶ *Did you enjoy **yourself**?*
 - ▶ *Behave **yourself!***
- for emphasis:
 - ▶ *I made it **myself**.*
 - ▶ *She told me the news **herself**.*

Possessive adjectives and possessive pronouns

possessive adjectives	possessive pronouns
my	mine
your	yours
his	his
her	hers
its	—
our	ours
your	yours
their	theirs

POSSESSIVE ADJECTIVES agree with the owner, not the possession:

- ▶ *She went with **her** husband.*
- ▶ *He was playing with **his** children.*

POSSESSIVE PRONOUNS are used without a following noun. No article is used with them:

- ▶ *This is my mobile. Where's **yours**?*

NOTE We do not say **a my friend** but **a friend of mine**:

- ▶ *My mother told me that my new French teacher is **a friend of hers**.*

Demonstrative adjectives and pronouns

This and **these** are used with or without nouns to talk about things that are close to the speaker. They are usually used with nouns when talking about people:

- ▶ ***This** boy is looking for his parents.*
- ▶ ***This** tastes delicious.*
- ▶ ***These** shoes are too tight.*
- ▶ *What do you think of **these**?*

That and **those** are used with or without nouns to talk about things that are further away from the speaker. They are usually used with nouns when talking about people:

- ▶ *Who's **that** man?*
- ▶ ***That** smells terrible.*
- ▶ *I love **those** shoes you're wearing.*
- ▶ *I'd rather have **those** than these.*

They can also be used without nouns when you are identifying people:

- ▶ ***These** are my children, Tom and Jenny.*
- ▶ *'Hello, is **that** Sam?' '**This** is Alex.'*