



The Logic of Pronoun Usage

Subject pronouns: *I, you, he, she, they, it, we, you, they*

As the **subject** of the verb:

He and *I* went to the mayor's office.

As a **subject** complement:

It was *she* who called.

It was *he* and *I* at the door.

Object pronouns: *me, you, him, her, them, it, us, you, them*

As the **direct object**:

The teacher thanked *him* and *me*.

The teacher chose *her*.

As the **indirect object**:

Susie gave *me* a ruler.

Susie gave *him* and *me* the pencils.

As the **object** of a preposition:

The snacks were for *him* and *me*.

A subject is a subject, and an object is an object.

If it is called a subject, it uses subject pronouns.

If it is called an object, it uses object pronouns.

Freddie Malgram's Pronouns



Freddie Malgram looked at Dr. Speakit and said,

"Just between you and I, doctor, I am bushed."

"Me," said the doctor.

"You?" asked Freddie.

"No, between you and *me*," said the doctor.

"Us? What are we going to do?"

"No, I mean, it is not between you and I, Freddie;

it is between you and *me*."

Freddie looked up with a grotesquely perplexed visage.

"What is? I mean, it was *me* who began this conversation."

"It was I," said the doctor.

"You?" asked Freddie.

"No, it was I," said the doctor."

"What was you?" asked Freddie.

"No, I mean, it was I, not it was *me*," said the doctor.

Freddie glared with an incredulous countenance.

"You give my friends and I a headache," said Freddie.

"Me," said the doctor.

"You again?" asked Freddie.

"No, you give my friends and *me*," said the doctor.

"Which friends do you have?" asked Freddie.

"No, my friends and *me*, not my friends and I," said the doctor.

Freddie's countenance was odiously red.

"Doctor," he said, "it was nice for you and I to talk."

"Me," said the doctor.

"Yes, I know," said Freddie,

and he walked away, acutely vexed.