



Object pronouns: The object pronouns are *me, you, him, her, them, it, us, you, and them*, and these pronouns are used as objects. They are pronouns that must be used as direct objects, indirect objects, objects of prepositions, and other objects that we will discover later. *She asked me. The invitation was for him and me.*

Object Pronouns

	Singular	Plural
First Person	me	us
Second Person	you	you
Third Person	him, her, them, it	them

You must memorize the subject and object pronouns. Because we use only subject pronouns for all subjects, and we use only object pronouns for all objects, and because it is a blunder to misuse them, you must have the two lists of subject and object pronouns memorized (and know the parts of the sentence) if you are to master pronoun usage. If you do not memorize the two cases of pronouns, you will say odious things such as “The souvenir is for you and I.” It is for you and *me*, please.

He saw he?
Him saw him?
Him saw he?
He saw him.

Thompson’s Unified Pronoun Rule: We can express most pronoun usage in one simple principle: **A subject is a subject, and an object is an object.** In other words, use subject pronouns as subjects of clauses and as subject complements, but use object pronouns as direct objects, indirect objects, and objects of prepositions. *It was he, but they saw him. The compliment was for him and me.* This explanation will make more sense after we have studied the parts of sentence; at that time, come back and review this section, and combine the two discussions together in your mind. Again, here is the rule:



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

Any part of the sentence called a *subject* (subject of clause or subject complement) uses a subject pronoun. Any part of the sentence called an *object* (direct object, indirect object, or object of preposition) uses an object pronoun. **A subject is a subject, and an object is an object.** If you know the subject and object pronouns, and you know the subjects and objects of the sentence, then pronoun usage is easy. Just use a subject pronoun for any sentence subject, and use an object pronoun for any sentence object. If you do not know your pronouns and sentence parts, you will only be guessing. For now, commit these to permanent memory:

Subject Pronouns

Pronouns for Subjects

I
you
he, she, they, it
we
you
they

Object Pronouns

Pronouns for Objects

me
you
him, her, them, it
us
you
them