

# Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #21

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## FOCUS Subject Case Pronouns

Pronouns are in the **subject case** when they are used as the sentence subject or when they identify or refer to the subject. These are the subject case pronouns:

Singular—*I, you, he, she, it* Plural—*we, you, they*

## CONNECT TO WRITING

Pronouns take the subject case in three grammatical forms:

- If the pronoun is the sentence subject. The sentence subject is the “do-er” of the sentence.  
**Example:** *She* and *I* attended the concert.
- If the pronoun is a predicate nominative. A predicate nominative follows a “to be” verb (*is, am, are, was, were, be, being, been*) and identifies or refers to the subject.  
**Example:** The students who got into trouble are *they*.
- If the pronoun is part of an appositive, such as after *than* or *as*. An appositive is a noun or pronoun placed next to another noun or pronoun to identify or explain it.  
**Example:** Marty is smarter than *I*.

To test whether the pronoun is in the subject case, try these tricks:

- Rephrase to check if the pronoun sounds right.  
**Example:** The last one to arrive was *he*. Rephrase—*He* was the last one to arrive.
- Drop other nouns or pronouns in a compound subject or object to check if the remaining pronoun sounds right. Remember that English is a polite language; the first person pronouns (*I, me, ours, mine*) are placed last in compound subjects or objects.  
**Example:** John and *I* play video games. Drop and check—*I* play video games.

## PRACTICE

Fill in the blanks to identify the subject case pronouns: S for a sentence subject, PN for a predicate nominative, or an A for an appositive.

The women in the clown costumes must be she \_\_\_ and her mother. We \_\_\_ didn't recognize them at first, but at least I \_\_\_ asked, “Who were they \_\_\_?” Sue and he \_\_\_ arrived at the party earlier than I \_\_\_, but no one came as early as she \_\_\_.

## WRITE

Compose your own sentences, using a pronoun as a sentence subject, a pronoun as a predicate nominative, and a pronoun as an appositive.

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## **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet Answers**

### **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #16 Practice Answers**

1. I enjoy watching old television shows, but (yet) the new ones are better.
2. Do you want vanilla, or (and) do you want strawberry?
3. No one really wants to go; they just feel like they must attend.
4. This route takes too long; there must be another way.

### **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #17 Practice Answers**

1. As soon as the boy practices his trombone, he will be able to go outside to play.
2. Tonight we celebrate a special young lady, whose achievement is special.

### **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #18 Practice Answers**

After the sun set, the campers roasted marshmallows, and John then told a campfire story. Since the captain had a beard, he knew the sailor, and the sailor did not recognize him. Although he knew better, he could not teach her, because she just would not listen.

### **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #19 Practice Answers**

Options: Running down the hill, I saw her. I saw her running down the hill.  
Finally, (any subject then predicate) the reason he left.  
The playground seems to be covered with ice.

### **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #20 Practice Answers**

1. Jonathan seemed very selfish. He never shared with the other children.
2. Ms. Clements always prepared well for her lesson plans, and (so) the results paid off.  
Option: Ms. Clements always prepared well for her lesson plans; the results paid off.
3. Nicco enjoyed video games, playing only after completing his chores.

### **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #21 Practice Answers**

The women in the clown costumes must be she PN and her mother. We S didn't recognize them at first, but at least I S asked, "Who were they PN?" Sue and he S arrived at the party earlier than I A, but no one came as early as she A.

### **Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #22 Practice Answers**

He told them DO after him OP. He had wanted to tell us I first, but when came to see me I, I said that he should tell him IO the news before me OP. He had not given it IO much thought.