

Subjects: Noun and Pronoun Agreement

A **subject** is who or what the sentence is about. The subject is usually a noun. A noun is a word that names a person, place, or thing.

A **pronoun** is a word that takes the place of a noun or noun phrase.

Example: My friend Robert likes to do magic tricks. He often practices at recess.

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Subject (noun phrase)

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Subject (pronoun)

It is important to ensure the nouns and pronouns are in agreement (in terms of gender and quantity - singular or plural) so that the reader is clear on who or what the writer is referring to.

SUBJECT PRONOUNS

Pronoun	Purpose	Pronoun	Purpose
I	1st person, singular.	We	1st person, plural.
You	2nd person, singular. Used when talking directly to someone.	You	2nd person, plural. Used when talking about people in general or to a group of people.
He	3rd person, singular. Used for males.	They	3rd person, plural.
She	3rd person, singular. Used for females.		
It	3rd person, singular. Used for animals or objects (things).		

Part 1: Identify and circle the subject (noun) and its corresponding pronoun.

- Daniel wasn't sure what to do. He wanted to help make his friend feel better.
- Mary saw Yong Ching at the movie theater. She ran to give her a hug.
- Your dad and I want you to be more responsible. We believe you should do more chores at home.
- The girls decided to organize a lemonade stand on their own. They did everything themselves.
- That cat doesn't seem very happy. It has been whining all day.

Part 2: Choose the pronoun from the word bank that agrees with the subject in the first sentence.

Pronoun Word Bank

you

he

we

they

I

she

it

- Jack ran to the store to pick up some milk. On his way there, he bumped into his cousin.
- My sister and I have soccer practice this afternoon. We usually ride the bus together.
- Spot is the cutest dog in our building. It greets me every morning.
- Gaëlle, Matan, and Chloe are going to study in the library. They have a test on Friday.
- Gary performed in the talent show. He did a hip-hop dance routine.
- My name is Lina and I am in the fourth grade. I made this presentation on bats.
- Suraya wants to learn how to play tennis. So she asked her parents if she could take lessons.