



Personal Pronouns



Pronouns are words that take the place of nouns. There are two types of personal pronouns:

- **Subject pronouns**, representing the grammatical subject of the clause:

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



- **Object pronouns**, representing the 'direct complement' of the clause:

Me, you, him, her, it, us, you, them



Tim put the coat on.

In this sentence 'Tim' is the subject and 'the coat' is the object. Tim is doing an action (putting on) and the coat is the thing that is 'done to' (it is the thing that he puts on).

If you wanted to repeat this information later, you could say:

He put it on.

We also use object pronouns for indirect objects: "tell me the truth" and after prepositions: Tina was so ill to go out, so I went to the bank for her.

Exercises



Write a suitable personal pronoun (subject or object) in each gap.

1. _____ though the holiday would be ideal for us, and I said so.
2. Tim was late, so _____ had to run.
3. _____ hope those flowers are for me.
4. Why are you so angry? What's wrong with _____?
5. Anna and _____ are going to the cinema next weekend.
Would you like to come with _____?
6. Carol explained where _____ had been.
7. John wanted Mary to follow _____.
8. I was stopped by a man who wanted to ask _____ the way to the nearest park.
9. The shoes were lovely and _____ were just the right colour.
10. Hold the bag please while I put the shopping in _____.

Correct the wrong sentences.

1. Do you want to go shopping with we? _____
2. Jane should have told we the truth. _____
3. Anne says her is too hungry to go for a walk.

4. I called she but her had gone out.

5. Paul was very upset because him failed the test. _____
6. Him was very enthusiastic with she. _____
7. Me forget to call her. _____

Key:

A

1. I
2. he
3. I
4. you
5. I; us
6. she
7. him
8. me
9. they
10. it

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1. Do you want to go shopping with us?
2. Told us
3. Anne says she is
4. I called her but she
5. because he failed
6. He was ...with her
7. I forgot