**Personal Pronouns**

Subject pronouns can be used to substitute a noun in the subject position in a sentence.

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<td>We</td>
<td>You</td>
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Example: Martha works for a cellular company. She has to travel to Orlando every week.

**Note on usage:** Keep in mind that a name or noun should be used first to establish a frame of reference in a conversation or a piece of writing. Exceptions to this rule would be in creative writing, story telling, or when using the pronouns you and I.

**Object Pronouns**

Object pronouns substitute nouns in the direct and indirect object positions or may replace nouns after a preposition in a sentence.

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<tr>
<td>Plural</td>
<td>Us</td>
<td>You</td>
<td>Them</td>
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Examples: Not long ago, the chief executive officer of the company gave us a bonus. The phone call was for me.

**Possessive Pronouns**

Possessive pronouns are used to show possession. They are not used with an apostrophe or to modify a noun. They serve their purpose on their own.

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<th>His</th>
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<td>Yours</td>
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Examples: This scientific discovery is theirs. I want mine to go there.
Possessive Adjectives

Unlike possessive pronouns, possessive adjectives **must** modify a noun. Compare the differences between possessive pronouns and possessive adjectives in the examples below.

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Examples:  

**Our** class doesn’t start until 1:30 p.m.  
**Your** information is very accurate.

What differences do you see? List them here.

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Try these exercises. How are the underlined words being used? Look at the example done for you.

Example: I need **my** book. Can **you** please give **it** back to **me**?

1. I subject pronoun  
2. My possessive adjective  
3. You subject pronoun  
4. It object pronoun after a verb  
5. Me object pronoun after a preposition

1. When will **he** be arriving with **my** documents? He will be arriving tomorrow with **them**.
   1. __________       ______________
   2. __________       ______________
   3. __________       ______________

2. The Taylors bought a new cat whose name is Gizmo. **They** are very happy with **him**. He has green eyes and **his** hair is gray.
   1. __________       ______________
   2. __________       ______________
   3. __________       ______________
3. Our parents went on vacation a couple of days ago. They told us that we could not have any friends over. We’re thinking about having a little party anyway. Do you think they’ll find out about it?

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