

Unit

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Grammar

Pronouns and possessive determiners

Subject pronouns

I / you / he / she / it / we / they

Form

Use

The subject of a verb

Example

They built the first aeroplane.

Alexander Fleming discovered penicillin, but **he** did it by mistake!

Object pronouns

me / you / him / her / it / us / them

Form

Use

The object of a verb

Example

Could you give **me** that equipment?

Could you give that equipment to **me**?

Possessive determiners

my / your / his / her / its / our / their

Form

Use

To show who owns or has something

Example

That's **their** car.

Helpful hints

- Possessive determiners are always followed by a noun.
✓ Is this **my** coffee?

Watch out!

Its and *it's* do not mean the same thing.

✓ Here's the dog's water and here's **its** food. (= the dog's food)

✓ **It's** the best camera I've ever had. (= It is ...)

Possessive pronouns

mine / yours / his / hers / ours / theirs

Form

Use

To show who owns or has something

Example

That car is **ours**.

Helpful hints

- Possessive pronouns are not followed by a noun.
✗ This is **hers** car.

Watch out!

There is no possessive pronoun for *it*.

Reflexive pronouns

myself / yourself / himself / herself / itself / ourselves / yourselves / themselves

Form

Use

To describe actions where the subject and object are the same

Example

My computer turns **itself** off after half an hour.

To emphasise who does something *Nobody helped me. I did it **myself**!*

A Complete using the words in the box. You have to use some words more than once.

I • you • he • she • it • we • they

- 1 asked Mr Simons, my science teacher, what glass was and said that is a liquid!
- 2 Hi Diana! Are still coming shopping with us tomorrow?
- 3 My mum studied history at university. says was a really interesting course.
- 4 Scientists are working hard to find cures for lots of diseases, but haven't found a cure for the common cold yet.
- 5 Adam, do think should all bring some food with us to your party?
- 6 Dad, do know if sell computer games in the market?

B Replace each word or phrase in bold with a word from the box. You have to use some words more than once.

him • her • it • us • them

- 1 Did you give **that book** back to Alicia?
- 2 I told **Bill** that you don't eat meat.
- 3 Why does she always give **our class** more tests than the other class?
- 4 They paid **Kate Winslet** a lot of money to be in this film.
- 5 I haven't seen **Rich and Andy** for ages.
- 6 Did you give an invitation to **Mr and Mrs Clark**?
- 7 A TV channel has invited **my family** to take part in a game show!

C Rewrite the sentences using the word given.

- 1 This is where we live. **house**
This is
- 2 That wallet belongs to me! **That**
..... wallet!
- 3 Do those shoes belong to you? **your**
Are ?
- 4 That car doesn't belong to them. **car**
That's
- 5 This is where she sleeps. **bed**
This
- 6 That isn't what he does. **job**
That
- 7 Have you seen the dog's blanket? **its**
Where's

Topic vocabulary

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accent (n)	informal (adj)	publish (v)
announcement (n)	Internet (n)	report (v, n)
broadcast (v, n)	interrupt (v)	request (v, n)
channel (n)	link (v, n)	ring (v)
clear (adj)	media (n)	signal (n)
click (v)	mobile phone (n phr)	swear (v)
contact (v, n)	online (adj, adv)	type (v)
file (n)	pause (v, n)	viewer (n)
formal (adj)	persuade (v)	website (n)
image (n)	pronounce (v)	whisper (v, n)

Phrasal verbs

call back	ring again on the phone
come out	be published
cut off	disconnect (phone, electricity, etc)
fill in	add information in the spaces on a form, etc
hang up	put the receiver down to end a phone call
log off	disconnect from the Internet/a website
log on(to)	connect to the Internet/a website
print out	make a paper copy of sth on a computer

Prepositional phrases

by e-mail/phone/letter
on the Internet
on the news
on the phone
on the radio
on TV

Word formation

certain	certainly, certainty	inform	informative, information
communicate	communication	predict	prediction, (un)predictable
connect	connection, disconnect	secret	secretly, secrecy
deliver	delivery	speak	spoke, spoken, speaker, speech
express	expression, expressive	translate	translation, translator

Word patterns

<i>verbs</i>	comment on	<i>nouns</i>	talk (to sb) about
	communicate with		tell sb about
	glance at		translate (from sth) into
	receive sth from		write (to sb) about
	reply to		information about
	send sth to sb		a letter (from sb) about