Subjective vs. Objective Pronouns

Subjective Pronouns—used as the subjects* of sentences or clauses.

- 1st Person- “I” (singular) and “We” (plural)
- 2nd Person- “You”
- 3rd Person- “He, She, It” (singular) and “They” (plural)

Objective Pronouns—used as the objects** of sentences or clauses.

- 1st Person- “Me” (singular) and “Us” (plural)
- 2nd Person- “You”
- 3rd Person- “Him, Her, It” (singular) and “Them” (plural)

When an individual chooses to use pronouns in a sentence, it is important for one to know which type of pronoun to use in each circumstance. Subjective pronouns do the verb; objective pronouns have the verb done to them.

Examples:

1. a. each other. (WRONG) Him and her would make great friends for
b. other. (RIGHT) He and she would make great friends for each
c. other. (RIGHT) They would make great friends for each

2.*The “Subject” is the person or thing which does the action of the sentence. (EX) He took her on a date.

**The “Object” is the person, place, thing, or concept which receives the action of the sentence. (EX) He took her on a date.
a. (WRONG)  Jack is coming to the store with you and I.
b. (RIGHT)  Jack is coming to the store with you and me.
c. (RIGHT)  Jack is coming to the store with us.

Helpful Hint:

In situations like example 2b, students often struggle with overcorrection. To avoid this common error, simply discern if Jack would come to the store with I or me.

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