



Dallas Baptist University Writing Center

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. Him and her would make great friends for each other. (WRONG)
 - b. He and she would make great friends for each other. (RIGHT)
 - c. They would make great friends for each other. (RIGHT)
- 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. Jack is coming to the store with you and I.
(WRONG)
- b. Jack is coming to the store with you and me.
(RIGHT)
- c. Jack is coming to the store with us. (RIGHT)

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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