

Object Pronouns

Teaching

Object pronouns are personal pronouns used as direct objects, as indirect objects, or as the objects of prepositions.

Object Pronouns	
Singular	Plural
me	us
you	you
him, her, it	them

As a **direct object**, the pronoun receives the action of a verb and answers the question *whom* or *what*. As an **indirect object**, the pronoun tells *to whom* or *what* or *for whom* or *what* an action is performed. As an **object of a preposition**, the pronoun follows a preposition such as *to*, *from*, *for*, *against*, *by*, *between*, or *about*.

Direct object Matt bought the camera on display. (*What did he buy? camera*)

Indirect object He loaned me the camera. (*To whom did he loan? me*)

Object of the preposition I borrowed the camera from him several times.

A. Identifying Object Pronouns

Underline all the object pronouns in the following sentences.

- Matt's family is very large, and he takes many pictures of them.
- He gives them pictures for their photo albums.
- I suggested to him that he might enjoy taking pictures of famous buildings around town too.
- When he visited downtown, he gave it a try.
- Later he showed me some pictures of the buildings he had shot.
- I liked them and so did the judges at a local contest where Matt won first prize.

B. Using Object Pronouns

Underline the correct pronoun to complete each sentence.

- Mariah's parents built a photography lab for (she, her) in the basement.
- They bought (her, she) film, paper, and photography chemicals.
- Mariah thanked (them, they) once she saw what they had done.
- She had a roll of film and wanted to develop (them, it) right away.
- Mariah's parents were impressed when she showed (they, them) her pictures.
- No one taught (her, she) the rules for developing pictures.
- She learned (they, them) by herself.

Object Pronouns*More Practice***A. Using Object Pronouns**

In each sentence, underline the pronoun that completes each sentence correctly.

1. "We bought (she, her) a doll for her fourth birthday," said Taylor's parents.
2. Her mother explains, "She has begged (us, we) for a doll on every birthday since that day."
3. Would you believe (I, me) if I told you she has over 40 dolls now?
4. All her relatives give (her, she) dolls for her birthdays.
5. Because her dolls are collectibles, she has never played with (them, they).
6. She has a younger brother, and she has given (he, him) strict rules about handling her precious dolls.
7. Sometimes she places (them, they) on high shelves that are out of his reach.
8. Between you and (I, me), I know that two of her dolls are worth about \$500 each.
9. Taylor has shown (me, I) her favorite doll, the one she got for her sixth birthday.
10. I agreed that it was a beautiful doll, but I told (her, she) I liked another one better.
11. Taylor loves her dolls; sometimes it seems she likes (they, them) more than she likes her human friends.
12. Taylor says that the best gift anyone could ever give (her, she) is another beautiful doll.

B. Choosing Object Pronouns

Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with appropriate object pronouns. Vary the pronouns you use, and do not use the pronoun *you*.

1. The elves hid in the woods, where nobody could find _____.
2. A huge bear growled at Marilee, then ran away from _____.
3. The teacher told _____ where we should sit in the auditorium.
4. The matador fanned his cape, and the bull charged toward _____.
5. After Al and I entered a password, the computer spoke to _____.
6. Ceres searched for her lovely daughter but couldn't find _____.
7. I gave the robot an order, and it followed _____ around the room.
8. When the kindergartners sat on the carpet, their teacher read a picture book to _____.