

## Personal subject and object pronouns

**Pronouns** are words used to replace a **noun**.

Therefore, a **personal pronoun** is a word used to replace the names of **people**.

The two first are the **subject pronouns** and the **object pronouns**.

<b>SUBJECT PRONOUNS</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>You</b>	<b>He</b>	<b>She</b>	<b>It</b>	<b>We</b>	<b>You</b>	<b>They</b>
<b>OBJECT PRONOUNS</b>	<b>me</b>	<b>you</b>	<b>him</b>	<b>her</b>	<b>it</b>	<b>us</b>	<b>you</b>	<b>them</b>

Example:

In the sentences: **John gave Jane a pen.** or **John gave a pen to Jane.**

- **John** is the **subject**
- **Jane** is the **indirect object**
- **a pen** is the **direct object**.

The **direct object** of the verb is the person or thing receiving the action from the **subject**.

If we know who or what we are talking about, eg. in a context where both the subject and the objects have already been mentioned, we can say :

=> **He gave it to her.**

- **He** is the **subject**
- **her** is the **indirect object**
- **it** is the **direct object**.

Other examples :

- **John looked after Jane's cat while she was away.** => **He** looked after **it** while **she** was away.
- **Who** looked after her cat ? – John did. (subject question)
- **What** did John look after ? – Jane's cat. (object question)
- **Why** did **he** look after **it** ? – Because **she** was away. (object question)
- **Who** went away ? – Jane did. (subject question)

When we talk of indefinite things, the pronoun **there** is used as in :

- **There** is someone at the door.
- **There** are a few books on the shelves.
- Is **there** anything you would like to ask me ?

In the above sentence the underlined word anything is an indefinite pronoun.