



## Pronoun Case

### What is Pronoun Case?

Case is the form of a pronoun that shows the reader how it functions in a sentence. The three pronoun cases are subjective, objective, and possessive.

### Three Types of Pronoun Case:

#### 1. Subjective

Subjective pronouns function as the subjects in clauses.

*Ex of subj:* They have the flu.

*Ex of subj:* After he hit the golf ball, Nick walked to the next tee.

The following are subjective pronouns: *I, he, she, it, we, you, they, who, whoever.*

#### 2. Objective

Objective pronouns function as the objects in clauses.

*Ex:* Brendan gave me the flu.

(In this example, me is the direct object of the verb "gave.")

*Ex:* Their opinion of him has suffered.

(In this example, him is the object of the preposition "of.")

The following are objective pronouns: *me, him, her, it, us, you, them, whom, whomever.*

#### 3. Possessive

Possessive pronouns show ownership in clauses.

*Ex:* I am sick of his whining.

*Ex:* Her umbrella is cute.

The following are possessive pronouns: *my, mine, his, hers, its, our, ours, your, yours, their, theirs, whose.*

### Tips for Pronoun Case:

- If the object of a preposition is a pronoun, that pronoun will always be objective case.

Ex: Cold weather is welcomed by us skaters.

- If a pronoun follows any form of the verb "to be" (am, are, is, was, were, be, been), the pronoun will always be subjective case.

Ex: "This is she," Julia answered into the phone.

- Possessive pronouns never contain apostrophes.

Ex: This coat is yours (not your's).

- Don't use "I" or "you" in your essays, unless the instructor permits it.

### **Pronoun Chart:**

The chart below illustrates how pronouns change in their subjective, objective, and possessive forms.

	<b>Subjective</b>	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Possessive</b>
<b>Singular</b>			
<b>1<sup>st</sup> person</b>	I	me	my, mine
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> person</b>	you	you	your, yours
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> person</b>	he, she, it	him, her, it	his, her, hers, its
<b>Plural</b>			
<b>1<sup>st</sup> person</b>	we	us	our, ours
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> person</b>	you	you	your, yours
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> person</b>	they	them	their, theirs
<b>Interrogative Pronouns</b>	who whoever	whom whomever	whose

### **Remember:**

Pronoun case shows the reader how the pronoun functions within the sentence, whether it's the subject, object or shows ownership. There are three pronoun cases: subjective, objective, and possessive.