

THE PRONOUN AS SUBJECT

The nominative form of the pronoun is used as the subject of a verb. The problem of which pronoun form to use as subject arises chiefly when the subject is compound. To decide which pronoun form to use in a compound subject, try each part of the subject by itself with the verb.

Ex. Mary and (I, me) went to the game. (Mary went; I went, not me went).
The Wilsons and (we, us) gave a party. (The Wilsons gave; we gave, not us gave).

The Predicate Pronoun. The verb *be* is a linking verb. It links the noun, pronoun, or adjective following it to the subject. A pronoun so linked is called a predicate pronoun.

The nominative pronoun form is used as a predicate pronoun. The problem of which form to use in a predicate pronoun occurs primarily after the verb *be*.

Ex. It was I who spoke to you.
It could have been they we saw last night.

Choosing the Correct Pronoun. Underline the correct pronoun in each sentence below.

Example: The Johnsons and (we, us) are going to the movie.

1. Tom is sure that the winner will be (he, him).
2. Fred and (I, me) cooked the breakfast.
3. It was (he, him) who answered the phone.
4. Yesterday David and (he, him) looked for a summer job.
5. It could have been (they, them) who telephoned.
6. The Clarks and (they, them) toured the West together last year.
7. Sally and (she, her) played a duet in the piano recital.
8. It is (she, her) who is to blame for the accident.
9. It could have been (he, him) who intercepted the message.
10. The Blacks and (we, us) had dinner together last night.
11. It was (we, us) you heard on the porch last night.
12. Nancy and (I, me) played tennis yesterday.
13. It must have been (she, her) who rang the doorbell.
14. Peter and (he, him) belong to the debate club.
15. It was (we, us) who sent the letter.
16. We and (they, them) plan a camping vacation this summer.
17. Bob and (I, me) plan to go to college in the fall.
18. Sarah and (she, her) are good friends.
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