

OTHER PROBLEMS WITH PRONOUNS

Pronouns in Comparisons. Sometimes a comparison is made by using a clause that begins with than or as.

- ex. You are better at French than I am.
Jack has as good grades as she has.

Sometimes the final clause in the comparison is left incomplete.

- ex. You are better at French than I (am).
Jack has as good grades as she (has).

To decide which pronoun form to use in an incomplete comparison, complete the comparison.

- ex. Ellen saves more of her paycheck than (I, me).
(Ellen saves more of her paycheck than I save).

Compound Personal Pronouns. Compound personal pronouns are used only when their antecedents appear in the same sentence.

- Nonstandard: The tickets were meant for ourselves.
Standard: The tickets were meant for us.

Choosing the Correct Pronoun. Underline the standard form of the pronoun in each sentence.

Example: Marge is a better letter writer than (I, me).

1. Terry is a better golfer than (he, him).
2. No restrictions apply to (you, yourself).
3. Betty had a more exciting summer than (I, me).
4. Jim got more financial aid than (I, me).
5. You have a longer assignment than (I, me).
6. Dick hasn't studied as hard as (I, me).
7. Meg is a faster reader than (he, him).
8. We have as long a vacation as (they, them).
9. Does that car belong to (you, yourself)?
10. On his job, Frank gets more pay than (I, me).
11. You have a bigger house than (we, us).
12. No one works harder than (she, her).
13. Joe is two years older than (I, me).
14. All the regulations apply to (you, yourself).
15. You have a better chance of winning the award than (I, me).
16. Peg has as much money as (they, them).
17. In our class play, Tim was a better actor than (he, him).
18. The award was meant for (me, myself).
19. The Fields play tennis better than (we, us).
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