

Nominative Case A

19a. The subject of a verb should be in the nominative case.

EXAMPLES Indira went to the art museum before **we** did.
He, she, and I saw an exhibit of paintings by Seurat.

19b. A predicate nominative should be in the nominative case.

EXAMPLES The captain of the team is **he**.
 Will the winner of the race be Mia or **she**?

EXERCISE A In each of the following sentences, underline the personal pronoun in parentheses that correctly completes the sentence. Then, identify the pronoun's use by writing on the line provided *S* for *subject of the verb* or *PN* for *predicate nominative*.

Example PN 1. Mr. Liu was (he, *him*) who explained that story so well.

- _____ 1. Carlos and (*he*, *him*) called last night from Cedar Rapids.
- _____ 2. Either Lola or (*I*, *me*) will be the starting pitcher in tomorrow's game.
- _____ 3. The woman who was awarded the leading role was (*her*, *she*).
- _____ 4. The one who accidentally left the door unlocked may have been (*I*, *me*).
- _____ 5. Neither Sally nor (*he*, *him*) can attend the conference.
- _____ 6. The most successful contestants were (*us*, *we*).
- _____ 7. If the players had been (*they*, *them*), the results would have been quite different.
- _____ 8. The person knocking at the door will probably be (*she*, *her*).
- _____ 9. You and (*me*, *I*) have really contributed to the success of the fund drive.
- _____ 10. In the morning, Dana and (*they*, *them*) will begin the long trip back.

EXERCISE B In each of the following sentences, replace the underlined word or words by writing an appropriate pronoun above it.

Example 1. The person knocking at the door was ^{he}David.

11. Muriel and three other people will meet us at the game.
12. Every weekend, John and the rest of the band practice in a garage.
13. The first speaker will be Tracy.
14. My classmates and I have all signed up to see the touring production of *The Fantasticks*.
15. The team that was awarded the first prize in the tournament was our team.

Objective Case A

19c. A direct object should be in the objective case.

EXAMPLE After hearing the score, I called Luanne and **them**.

19d. An indirect object should be in the objective case.

EXAMPLE The doctor gave **her** some good advice.

19e. An object of a preposition should be in the objective case.

EXAMPLE This is a secret between **us**.

EXERCISE In each of the following sentences, underline the personal pronoun in parentheses that correctly completes the sentence. Then, on the line before the sentence, identify the pronoun's use by writing *DO* for *direct object*, *IO* for *indirect object*, or *OP* for *object of a preposition*.

Example OP 1. The best auto mechanics in town work for (*she, her*).

- _____ 1. Erica brought (*we, us*) a pot of geraniums.
- _____ 2. The play was written by my sister and (*she, her*).
- _____ 3. They invited Rafael and (*he, him*) to the conference.
- _____ 4. The costumes fit Margo and (*she, her*) perfectly.
- _____ 5. Silas bought tickets for you and (*I, me*).
- _____ 6. My parents offered Shanta and (*they, them*) a ride to the game.
- _____ 7. Show (*we, us*) photos of your trip to Puerto Rico.
- _____ 8. To (*she, her*), the best song in the musical was the big production number.
- _____ 9. Please save Gloria and (*I, me*) two seats in the balcony.
- _____ 10. Will the manager employ Dan and (*they, them*) on a part-time basis?
- _____ 11. Freddy has saved (*we, us*) a week's worth of research in the library.
- _____ 12. The center was assisted on the goal by my brother and (*he, him*).
- _____ 13. Would they invite Donetta and (*she, her*) to dinner and a movie?
- _____ 14. That dry cleaner's work pleases Bonita and (*she, her*).
- _____ 15. Nancy saved some of the salad and baked chicken for you and (*I, me*).
- _____ 16. Referees asked the trainers and (*they, them*) for a stretcher.
- _____ 17. Tell (*we, us*) the best place to find CDs and tapes these days.
- _____ 18. For (*she, her*), each moment seemed an eternity as she waited on the snowy sidewalk.
- _____ 19. Mom bought Miriam and (*I, me*) new gloves for our birthdays.
- _____ 20. Each of us asked Serge and (*they, them*) about helping to put up carnival booths.

Nominative and Objective Case Pronouns

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- 19b.** A predicate nominative should be in the nominative case.
- 19c.** A direct object should be in the objective case.
- 19d.** An indirect object should be in the objective case.
- 19e.** An object of a preposition should be in the objective case.

EXAMPLES **He** and **I** have finished writing our skit. [subjects]
 The first one across the line will be either Juana or **she**. [predicate nominative]
 For the team leaders, the group selected Tina and **me**. [direct object]
 Please send **him** and **her** the invitations. [indirect objects]
 Hand your forms to **him** or **her**. [objects of a preposition]

EXERCISE On the line provided in each of the following sentences, write a personal pronoun that correctly completes the sentence. Then, identify the pronoun's use by writing above it *S* for *subject of the verb*, *PN* for *predicate nominative*, *DO* for *direct object*, *IO* for *indirect object*, or *OP* for *object of a preposition*.

Example 1. Studying eighteenth-century silversmiths, I discovered that not all of ^{OP} them were men.

- A number of women participated in this trade, as _____ had for hundreds of years.
- Elizabeth Godfrey applied the popular rococo styling to French tea containers and also gave _____ a touch of Oriental influence.
- I wonder how long she worked to decorate _____ with such great detail.
- One of the three most important female silversmiths to register her mark was _____.
- Because her family was famous in the silversmith trade, the craft was everywhere around _____ at home.
- Among the French Huguenots fleeing to England were her family and _____.
- Together, _____ exerted great influence on the craft in England during the 1700s.
- In 1731, Godfrey registered her married name, Elizabeth Buteaux, as her silver mark and incorporated _____ into her designs.
- After 1741, she entered the last phase of her career; during that time, _____ was an independent silversmith.
- Since her tea containers were both elaborate and elegant, she probably sold _____ to many of the mid-eighteenth-century gentry.