

## Common mistakes in the use of personal pronouns

The pronouns that are used as subjects are: *I, he, she, we, they, you and it.*

The pronouns that are used as objects of verbs or prepositions are: *me, him, her, us, them, you and it.*

Note that *you* and *it* does not change.

She is my friend. (NOT Her is my friend.) (Here *she* is the subject of the verb *is*.)

I love her. (NOT Me love she.) (*Her* is the object of the verb *love*.)

She cheated me. (NOT Her cheated I.) (*Me* is the object of the verb *cheated*.)

She sat beside me. (NOT She sat beside I.) (*Me* is the object of the preposition *beside*.)

Exercise

Write each sentence using the correct pronoun from those in the brackets.

1. Neither my brother nor ..... (me / I) have been to Paris.
2. The manager offered Jane and ..... (me / I) a good job.
3. I run as fast as ..... (she / her.)
4. He thinks that ..... (we / us) two can win the doubles match.
5. Between you and ..... (me / I) there are few secrets.
6. Both ..... (him / he) and I are going for a walk.

Answers

1. Neither my brother nor I have been to Paris.
2. The manager offered Jane and me a good job.
3. I run as fast as her. OR I run as fast as she does. ('I run as fast as she' is extremely formal.)
4. He thinks that we two can win the doubles match.

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5. Between you and me there are few secrets.

6. Both he and I are going for a walk.