

# Nominative and Objective Cases

*Reteaching*

Personal pronouns change their case depending on whether they function as subjects or as objects. Personal pronouns that function as subjects or as predicate nominatives are in the **nominative case**.

	First Person	Second Person	Third Person
Singular	I	you	he, she, it
Plural	we	you	they

- Subject** We read several Greek myths in English class.  
**Predicate nominative** It was we who completed the project.  
**Part of compound subject** Darryl and I read the story of Orpheus and Euridice.

Personal pronouns that function as direct objects, indirect objects, or as objects of prepositions are in the **objective case**. Also use the objective case of the pronoun when it is part of a compound object construction.

	First Person	Second Person	Third Person
Singular	me	you	him, her, it
Plural	us	you	them

- Direct object** Can you help me remember the Greek names?  
**Indirect object** Mr. Clark told us to refer to the genealogical chart.  
**Object of preposition** Many of the stories were new to us.

## A. Identifying the Case of a Pronoun

Identify the case of each boldfaced personal pronoun in the following sentences. On the line write **N** for nominative or **O** for objective.

- Orpheus could play the harp beautifully; **he** was known for his skill. \_\_\_\_\_
- Orpheus fell in love with the beautiful Euridice and soon married **her**. \_\_\_\_\_
- One day Euridice was bitten by a snake, and **she** died. \_\_\_\_\_
- Orpheus was lost without **her** and became determined to bring her back. \_\_\_\_\_
- He** traveled to the house of Hades in the land of the dead to plead for her life. \_\_\_\_\_

## B. Identifying the Case of a Pronoun

Underline the correct pronoun to complete each sentence.

- Hades told (they, them) they could both leave, but Orpheus could not look back at Euridice.
- (They, Them) left together, with Euridice following Orpheus.
- Orpheus forgot the warning, and (he, him) looked back at Euridice, who immediately began to fade away.
- Orpheus and (her, she) were separated again, this time with no hope of rescue.
- A terrible lesson about obedience to the gods was made clear to both Orpheus and (her, she).

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*More Practice*

## A. Using the Correct Case of Personal Pronouns

Underline the correct form from the pronouns in parentheses.

1. When Atalanta was born and her father saw that she was a girl, he ordered his servants to leave (she, her) on the mountains to die.
2. Alone in the wilderness, (she, her) cried until a she-bear fed her.
3. Atalanta grew up with hunters; she stayed with (they, them) until she was grown.
4. When she was grown, she found her father's home and went to live with (him, he).
5. She was amazingly strong and fast because (she, her) had grown up under difficult circumstances.
6. Many young men wanted to marry her, but she had no time for (they, them).
7. The legend tells (we, us) that Atalanta declared that she would marry no man unless he could outrun her.
8. If a man should fail to win the race, (he, him) would be put to death.
9. When Milanion saw Atalanta, he fell in love with (she, her) despite the danger.
10. Atalanta and (he, him) began a race together, but soon he fell behind.
11. Milanion, to distract Atalanta, threw a golden apple ahead of (she, her).
12. Milanion saw Atalanta stop to pick up the apple and fall behind (he, him).
13. Onlookers were delighted at the closeness of the race, and (they, them) cheered.
14. (We, Us) are not surprised that Atalanta stopped for two more golden apples tossed before her.
15. At last, the goddess Aphrodite made the apples feel unbearably heavy in Atalanta's pockets, and Milanion won the race. (Him, He) and Atalanta were soon wed.

## B. Choosing Personal Pronouns

Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with the appropriate personal pronouns. Then on the lines, identify the case of each pronoun you supply.

1. The speaker urged \_\_\_\_\_ to set our goals carefully. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Have you seen the comet? I saw \_\_\_\_\_ clearly last night. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Lydia, \_\_\_\_\_ could get more for your money at outlet stores. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Mark refinished the table after Jen showed \_\_\_\_\_ how to do it. \_\_\_\_\_
5. In his autobiography \_\_\_\_\_ explained his motivations. \_\_\_\_\_
6. The queen commanded that her subjects bow down before \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_
7. The customers demanded that the price of admission be refunded to \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Clyde Barrow was a notorious criminal; both \_\_\_\_\_ and his partner, Bonnie Parker, died violent deaths. \_\_\_\_\_