



SPANISH PRONOUNS 101: SUBJECT PRONOUNS THE COMPLETE GUIDE



SUBJECT PRONOUNS IN SPANISH



Yo - I



Tú - You



Él - He



Ella - She



Usted - You (Formal)



Nosotros - We



Vosotros / Ustedes - You (Plural)



Ellos - They

TYPES OF PERSONS IN SPANISH

FIRST PERSON

The speaker is the subject

Singular



Yo hablo español.
I speak Spanish.

SECOND PERSON

The receptor is the subject



Tú comes mucho.
You eat a lot.

THIRD PERSON

You talk about the subject



Ella es Sophia.
She is Sophia.

Plural



Nosotros charlamos.
We chat.



Ustedes comen mucho.
You guys eat a lot.



Ellos son mis amigos.
They are my friends.

HOW TO USE SUBJECT PRONOUNS IN SPANISH

The subject pronoun replaces the subject of a sentence.

WITHOUT SUBJECT PRONOUNS

María, Joe, Vanessa y sus primos hablan inglés.

María, Joe, Vanessa, and her cousins speak English

Claudia, Sally y yo trabajamos todo el día.

Claudia, Sally and I work all day.

WITH SUBJECT PRONOUNS

Ellos hablan inglés.

They speak English.

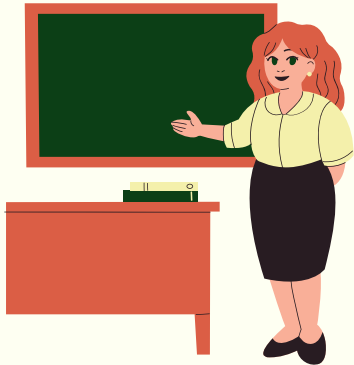
Nosotras trabajamos todo el día.

We work all day.

WHEN TO USE SUBJECT PRONOUNS IN SPANISH

EMPHASIS

Add the explicit subject pronoun to emphasize the subject.



Mira, ella es la maestra. Haz lo que dice.
Look, she's the teacher. So, do what she says.

CLARIFY SUBJECT

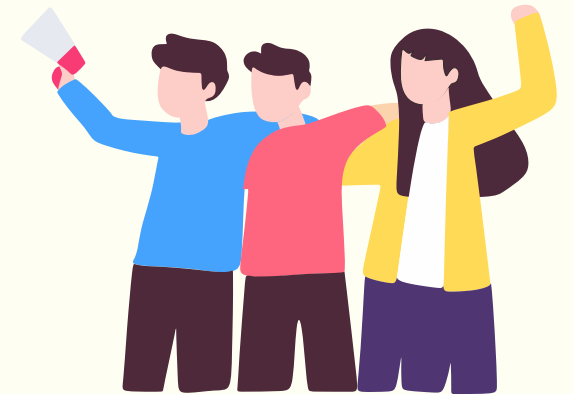
To clarify who the subject is when Spanish conjugations are similar.



Yo jugaba con mi prima.
I played with my cousin.

AVOID REPETITION

Avoid repeating the verb when referring to multiple people.



Sonia tiene veinte años y yo quince.
Sonia is twenty years old, and I am fifteen.

KEY POINTS: SUBJECT PRONOUNS IN SPANISH

- A subject pronoun **replaces** the (subject) person or thing performing the action of a sentence.
- Subject pronouns in Spanish are:
 - **Yo** - I
 - **Tú** - You
 - **Usted** - You
 - **Él** - He / **Ella** - She
 - **Nosotros** - We
 - **Vosotros** - You (plural)
 - **Ellos / Ellas** - They
 - **Ustedes** - You (plural)
- 'Tú' is the [informal version of 'you'](#), while 'usted' is the **formal** term.
- Since conjugated Spanish verbs indicate who the subject is, subject pronouns are **often dropped** from sentences.
- Subject pronouns must be included in sentences for [Spanish tenses](#) that share the same verb conjugations (i.e. imperfect and conditional).
- [Spanish personal pronouns](#) are not the same as subject pronouns. Personal pronouns replace nouns with different functions. **Subject pronouns** are a subset of personal pronouns.
- Based on their [function in a sentence](#), Spanish **personal pronouns are classified as:**
 - Subject pronouns
 - Reflexive pronouns
 - [Direct object pronouns](#)
 - [Indirect object pronouns](#)
 - Prepositional pronouns

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