

## What IS a pronoun?

Well, let's say your name is John and you are telling a story of a recent fishing trip you had with your friends, Mark and Tony.

You could say:

"John caught a trout, Mark caught two salmon, and Tony caught nothing."

But if you were talking to Mark, you would probably say:

"**I** caught a trout, **YOU** caught two salmon, and **HE** caught nothing."

The words **I**, **YOU**, and **HE** are all pronouns. They take the place of names.



When you are talking about yourself or your group, you are using the **FIRST PERSON** perspective.

You would use the pronouns "I" and "we".

In Spanish: I = **yo** and we = **nosotros**

If you are a girl and **ALL** your group are girls, use **nosotras**.

When you are talking about other people who are with you, you are using the **SECOND PERSON** perspective.

You would use the pronouns "you" or even "you all".

You have already seen four Spanish words for "you":

**tú** and its plural in Spain: **vosotros**

**usted** and its plural, **ustedes**



\*\* Although **usted** and **ustedes** are technically second person, they are often grouped with the third person pronouns, below. This is helpful when you start using Spanish verbs... It will make sense then. :O>

When you are talking about people who are not there with you, you are using the **THIRD PERSON** perspective.

You would use the pronouns "he" and "she" and "they".

Spanish has **TWO** words for "they" -- all female or with at least one male.



In Spanish: he = **él** and she = **ella**

All females "they" = **ellas**

At least one male "they" = **ellos**

\*\* Keep in Mind: Unless you're in Spain, use **ustedes** as the plural of **tú**. Also, the accents on **él** and **tú** are very important, so they don't get confused with other Spanish words that are spelled the same but with no accent.

## Spanish Subject Pronouns

	singular		plural
1st Pers	<b>yo</b>	I we	<b>nosotros</b> nosotras
2nd Pers	<b>tú</b>	you you all	<b>vosotros /-as</b> (only used in Spain)
	<b>usted</b>	you you all	<b>ustedes</b>
3rd Pers	<b>él</b>	he they	<b>ellos</b>
	<b>ella</b>	she they (f)	<b>ellas</b>

**We call these SUBJECT Pronouns because they are what does the action or act of being (like being rich or tall) in the sentence.**

\*\* Remember that although usted and ustedes are actually 2nd person, they are shown in the chart as linked with he, she, and they because this will come in quite handy when you start using Spanish verbs.

Let's try using some of these Spanish Subject Pronouns.  
Look at the examples and see if you can figure out the rest.

I = **yo**

you all = **ustedes**

Sra. Gomez = **ella**

my sisters = **ellas**

we = **?**

you and I = **?**

Enrique = **?**

you and he = **?**

