Subject Pronouns

In order to use verbs, you will need to learn about subject pronouns.

A subject pronoun **replaces** the name or title of a person or thing and **acts as the subject** of a verb.

In both Spanish and English, subject pronouns are divided into three groups: first person, second person, and third person.
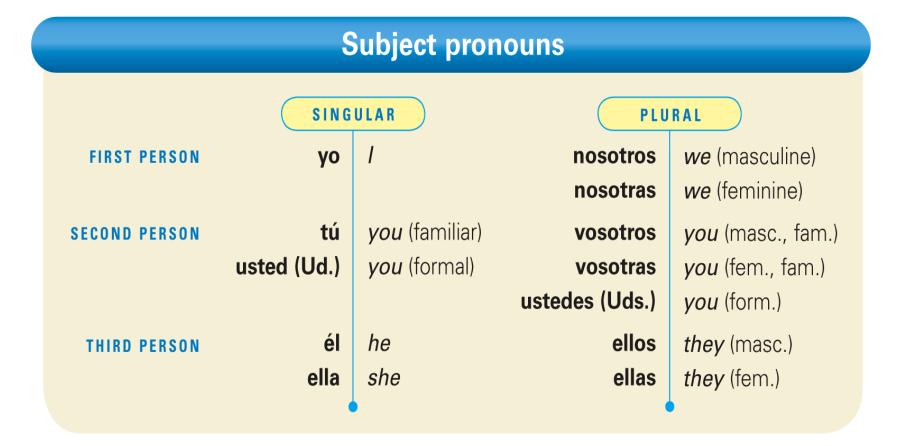
More about subject pronouns

- Examples of subject pronouns

  I am an ASU student.

  You are a student.

  They are in the Student Union.

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	SINGULAR		PLURAL	
FIRST PERSON	yo	*I*	nosotros	*we* (masculine)
			nosotras	*we* (feminine)
SECOND PERSON	tú	*you* (familiar)	vosotros	*you* (masc., fam.)
	usted (Ud.)	*you* (formal)	vosotras	*you* (fem., fam.)
			ustedes (Uds.)	*you* (form.)
THIRD PERSON	él	*he*	ellos	*they* (masc.)
	ella	*she*	ellas	*they* (fem.)

Two kinds of *you....*

- Spanish has two subject pronouns that mean *you* (singular).

- Use **tú** when addressing a friend, a family member, or a child you know well.

- Use **usted** to address a person with whom you have a formal or more distant relationship, such as a superior at work, a professor, or an older person.

Tú eres de Canadá, ¿verdad, David?
You are from Canada, right, David?

¿**Usted** es la profesora de español?
Are you the Spanish professor?

It --- Where did "it" go?

- There is no Spanish equivalent of the English subject pronoun *it*.

- Generally *it* is not expressed in Spanish.

Es un problema.
It's a problem.

Es una computadora.
It's a computer.

- The masculine plural forms **nosotros**, **vosotros**, and **ellos** refer to a group of males or to a group of males and females.

- The feminine plural forms **nosotras**, **vosotras**, and **ellas** can refer only to groups made up exclusively of females.

nosotros, vosotros, ellos

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A quick word about *vosotros*

- *Vosotros* or *vostoras* is used to refer to a group of people you are directly speaking too. It is like saying: you all, all of you, --or in the southern United States -- y'all.

- *Vosotros* and *vosotras* forms will be learned and used in class. You may hae never studied them before in high school.

- These forms are used in Spain, Spanish literature, and in the Spanish Bible (in the Reina Valera versions and before; newer translations do not use the *vosotros* forms).