

## SUBJECT PRONOUNS

### Subject Pronouns

1. Subject pronouns take the place of the subject of the sentence (a subject performs the action of the verb)
2. Can be singular or plural and masculine or feminine to agree with the noun (subject) they replace

**For example:**

**I** play soccer. ***I** is the subject pronoun and tells who is playing (verb).*

**They** like to eat ice cream. ***They** is the subject pronoun and tells who is eating (verb).*

### French subject pronouns

The different subject pronouns are determined by number and person.

- **Number** is divided into “singular” (one) and “plural” (more than one).
- **Person** includes *first person*, *second person*, and *third person*.

|            | SINGULAR                                      | PLURAL                                                                                          |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1ST PERSON | <b>je</b> (j') <i>I</i>                       | <b>nous</b> <i>we</i>                                                                           |
| 2ND PERSON | <b>tu</b> <i>you (singular, informal)</i>     | <b>vous</b> <i>you (plural)</i>                                                                 |
| 3RD PERSON | <b>il</b> <i>he</i><br><b>elle</b> <i>she</i> | <b>ils</b> <i>they (all males; males and females)</i><br><b>elles</b> <i>they (all females)</i> |

#### NOTE:

- The subject pronoun *je* becomes *j'* before a vowel or before a mute (silent) *h*
- There is no separate word for *it* in French. *Il* is used to say *it* when it is replacing an inanimate object that is masculine, and *elle* is used to say *it* when it is replacing an inanimate object that is feminine. For example, *le stylo* is masculine. The word *il* is used as the English word *it* to replace *le stylo*. *La porte* is feminine. The word *elle* is used as the English word *it* to replace *la porte*.
- *Ils* is used for the subject pronoun *they* when referring to masculine inanimate objects. *Elles* is used for the subject pronoun *they* when referring to feminine inanimate objects.
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