

Personal pronouns

Class objective: I'll be able to use personal pronouns in Italian

Concept A: Personal Pronoun

A pronoun (pronome) is a part of speech that takes the place of a noun. For example:

Did you feed the dog? Yes, I fed him an hour ago.

Him is the pronoun that takes the place of the noun, dog, after the noun has already been stated. In Italian, just like in English, there is a difference between subject and object pronouns. A subject pronoun is the pronoun that carries out the action, whereas an object pronoun reflects the recipient of the action. In the second sentence above, I is the subject pronoun (carrying out the action), and him is the object pronoun (receiving the action).

Concept B: Subject Pronouns

In Italian, you learn subject pronouns when you learn to conjugate your first verb, like *essere*.

Personal pronoun	<i>essere</i>
io	sono
tu	sei
lui/lei/Lei	è
noi	siamo
voi	siete
loro	sono

* Note that you have a singular and a plural form and that in the singular, a distinction is made between a formal form of address and an informal form of address. These days it is typical to use the informal (tu) form among young people and among those of any age whom you know well. Among those you do not know well, especially those older than you, it is safest to use the formal form (Lei), and the verb form that corresponds to it.

* These pronouns are omitted in many Italian sentences, because the subject of the verb (the person who carries out the action) is identified by the ending of the verb itself. (e.g. *mangio* = I eat, *mangi* = you eat, etc.). The subject pronouns are used, however, for emphasis, or to counter-distinguish one subject from another, for example:

- mio marito mangia la carne, ma io sono vegetariana.

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