

SUBJECT and PRONOUN

The subject (el sujeto) of a sentence is the word or words about which something is said. The subject indicates who/what performs the action in the sentence.

i.e. In the *girl* plays the piano, **girl** is the subject....then in spanish.. **niña** is the subject

Personal pronouns take the place of the noun.

I.e. **The girl** becomes **She.....** and in spanish..... **La niña** becomes **ella**

I.e. **Anna** plays the piano *could be* **she** plays the piano (**Anna** is the **subject** and **she** the personal pronoun)

PERSONAL PRONOUNS

SINGULAR (one person) ♀		PLURAL (2 or more) ♀! ♀! +	
Yo	I	Nosotros, nosotras	we
tú	you(familiar)	Vosotros, vosotras	you (familiar)
usted	you(formal)	Ustedes	you(formal)
él/ella	he/she	Ellos, ellas	they

Gender

1. Personal pronouns can be masculine or feminine - Those ending in **o** are *male*, those ending in **a** are female. **i.e.** **nosotros, nosotras; ellos, ellas.**
2. The feminine form is used to refer to an all-female group (i.e. **vosotras, nosotras**), otherwise when the group is all male, or mixed (males and females), the masculine form is used (**vosotros, nosotros**).

Singular and plural

1. **Usted** is the singular of (you) is **usted**, the plural of you (2 or more), is either **ustedes** or **vosotros**.
2. **Ustedes** is used In **Latín América**, and the United States
3. **Vosotros/vosotras** is used in Spain



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Formal and informal

There are two different ways to say "you", the formal and the informal ...**tú** and **usted**.

1. **Usted is the formal address.** Use it when speaking to people you don't know very well, or when you want to be formal.
2. **Tú is the informal address.** It implies a familiar relationship. Use tú when you would address a person by their first name (friends, relatives, children, pets).
3. If you are unsure about whether to use tú or usted, it is better to use **usted**.
Depending on the country, native speakers may suggest you use tú instead of usted.

PRACTICA - What subject pronoun would you use to speak about the following persons?

1. Yourself (yo)_____
2. Two men _____
3. A female child _____
4. Yourself(m) and a female friend _____
5. Yourself(f) and a female friend _____
6. Your uncle Jorge _____
7. Your aunts Ana and Elena _____

What subject pronoun would you use to speak to the following persons?

8. una profesora _____
9. unos consejeros _____
- 10.un extranjero _____
- 11.unas amigas _____
- 12.un dependiente _____
- 13.un niño _____
- 14.un estudiante _____
- 15.mamá _____

What subject pronoun would you substitute for each of the following persons?

- 16.Ana _____
- 17.Luis _____
- 18.Juan y yo(m.) _____
- 19.Tú(m.) y Cecilia _____
- 20.Vicente y Ricardo _____
- 21.María y yo(f.) _____

