

# Focusing on PERSONAL PRONOUNS

## EXERCISE ONE

In the passage below, underline the subject pronouns and circle the object pronouns.

Holding out the puppy as a peace offering, John stood before his children. Four little faces stared at it in utter amazement. Never in their wildest dreams had they thought that he would give in and buy the energetic Dalmatian for them. Tom was the first to break the awed silence which had overcome them.

"Have you named him?" he asked cautiously, still unable to believe that this little bundle of gorgeousness was really theirs.

"No, I thought that you would like to do that," John replied. He didn't mention the fact that naming the pup was part of his plan for distraction. He had hoped that the children would become so absorbed in the little guy that he would be able to leave without a fuss.

Just as he was handing them the dog, Sarah entered the room. She shot him a look of utter derision. "You think that this will make up for it?" she snarled. "Have you even told them yet?" John glanced over at the children, huddled around the startled little puppy. His plan was already working.

## EXERCISE TWO

Underline the personal pronouns and then identify whether they are subject or object pronouns.

|    |                                                       | Subject | Object |
|----|-------------------------------------------------------|---------|--------|
| 1  | Yesterday, he wanted to borrow her notebook.          |         |        |
| 2  | It's never cold in her home.                          |         |        |
| 3  | You are not allowed to eat in here.                   |         |        |
| 4  | Joe told her to wait patiently for the teacher.       |         |        |
| 5  | Call your parents when you get home.                  |         |        |
| 6  | Meg is my friend, and she is from Scotland.           |         |        |
| 7  | The waiter said that we would have a ten-minute wait. |         |        |
| 8  | My parents gave us our inheritance early.             |         |        |
| 9  | The footballer handed them the match-winning ball.    |         |        |
| 10 | He was her best friend.                               |         |        |
| 11 | Ben had a computer but didn't use it.                 |         |        |
| 12 | Knowing the truth, we avoided going home.             |         |        |
| 13 | They never liked their science teacher very much.     |         |        |

## EXERCISE THREE



Fill in the correct pronoun (for the words below).

|    |                                                          |
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| 1  | _____ went down to the river.<br>(Tom)                   |
| 2  | She handed the books to _____.<br>(the students)         |
| 3  | Today _____ will be studying algebra.<br>(Sue, Jo and I) |
| 4  | Congratulations, _____ is a boy!<br>(the baby)           |
| 5  | I think _____ took the last slice.<br>(Anna)             |
| 6  | He told _____ that _____ had lost.<br>(my sisters and I) |
| 7  | _____ are the people in charge here.<br>(my parents)     |
| 8  | I will tell _____ my secrets.<br>(you and Tim)           |
| 9  | Please pass _____ to me.<br>(the books)                  |
| 10 | _____ don't need to come in tomorrow.<br>(the staff)     |
| 11 | I will test _____ on it tomorrow.<br>(Vince & Polly)     |
| 12 | She has new glasses; she hates _____.<br>(the glasses)   |