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SPANISH SUBJECT PRONOUNS

- A subject pronoun functions as the subject of a sentence. It tells you who is doing the action. Subject pronouns often replace proper nouns, for instance, I could replace *John* with *he* in English. *He* would be the subject pronoun in the sentence.
- Here are the subject pronouns in Spanish.

I	<i>yo</i>	we	<i>nosotros, nosotras</i>
you	<i>Tú</i>	you guys (Spain)	<i>vosotros</i>
you (formal)	<i>Usted (Ud.)</i>	you guys (L.A.)	<i>Ustedes</i>
he	<i>él</i>	they	<i>ellos</i>
she	<i>ella</i>	they (all girls)	<i>ellas</i>

- Generally, Spanish subject pronouns work like English subject pronouns, but there are a few important differences.
 - In English, a subject or subject pronoun is ALWAYS required. In Spanish, subject pronouns are often omitted because the form of the verb will tell you who is doing the action. (More on that in the future.)
 - Spanish has two form of the subject pronoun *you* – *tú* and *Usted*. A Spanish-speaker will generally refer to a friend or family member as *tú*. *Tú* is an informal form of *you* and indicates familiarity with a person. *Usted* is used with someone you do not know well or who you want to show respect to, for instance, your boss, the principal, a police officer, or a doctor.
 - Spanish has subject pronouns that roughly translate to *you guys*. In most Spanish-speaking countries the subject pronoun for *you guys* is *Ustedes*. In Spain, *vosotros* is the pronoun used when talking to friends or family, *Ustedes* is used when talking to a group of people you do not know well. *Vosotros* is **only** used in Spain.

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¡A PRACTICAR! SPANISH SUBJECT PRONOUNS

A. Choose the correct subject pronoun(s) for each of the following. Some questions may have more than one appropriate answer!

1. Yo

- you
- he
- I
- we

2. We

- ellos
- nosotros
- ella
- yo

3. Tú

- you (polite)
- she
- you (informal)
- they

4. They

- ellos
- ellas
- vosotros
- Usted

5. Ella

- I
- he
- she
- we

6. You guys

- Ustedes
- Usted
- vosotros
- ellos

B. For each of the following, write the corresponding subject pronoun in Spanish.

1. I _____

15. Paco y yo _____

2. You (my friend) _____

16. Los estudiantes _____

3. We (all boys) _____

17. Tú y tú (Spain) _____

4. Alicia _____

18. Luisa y Margarita _____

5. El estudiante _____

19. We (all girls) _____

6. La chica _____

20. El amigo _____

7. You (the principal) _____

21. Los maestros _____

8. Roberto y Luis _____

22. Miguel _____

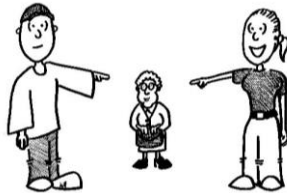
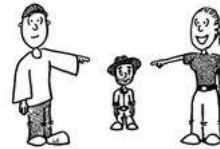
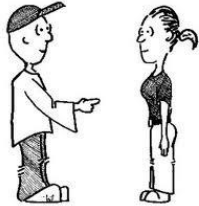
9. you guys (in Mexico) _____

23. you guys (in Spain) _____

C. Short Answer. What subject pronoun would you use to...

1. talk **to** your Spanish teacher? _____
2. talk **about** a female teacher? _____
3. talk **to** your best friend? _____
4. talk **about** your best friend? _____
5. talk **about** yourself? _____
6. talk **about** you and your best friend? _____
7. talk **to** your friends at your lunch table? _____
8. talk **to** the sales clerk at the grocery store? _____
9. talk **about** your parents? _____
10. talk **to** your parents? _____

D. Which Spanish subject pronoun is being illustrated in the following drawings?



Answer Key:

A. Choose the correct subject pronoun(s) for each of the following. Some questions may have more than one appropriate answer!

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|-------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. I | 2. nosotros |
| 3. you (informal) | 4. ellos and ellas |
| 5. she | 6. Ustedes and vosotros |

B. For each of the following, write the corresponding subject pronoun in Spanish.

1. yo
2. tú
3. nosotros
4. ella
5. él
6. ella
7. Usted
8. ellos
9. Ustedes
10. nosotros
11. ellos
12. vosotros
13. ellas
14. nosotras
15. él
16. ellos
17. él
18. vosotros

C. Short Answer. What subject pronoun would you use to...

1. Usted
2. ella
3. tú
4. él or ella
5. yo
6. nosotros or nosotras
7. vosotros or Ustedes
8. Usted
9. ellos
10. vosotros or Ustedes

D. Which Spanish subject pronoun is being illustrated in the following drawings?

1. tú or Usted
2. él
3. yo
4. ellos
5. ella

6. nosotros