

Selecting Pronouns

Me llamo _____

La fecha _____

Pronouns are words that take the place of nouns. Subject pronouns take the place of the subject of the sentence.

Singular Subject Pronoun	Spanish	Plural Subject Pronoun	Spanish
I	<i>yo</i>	we	<i>nosotros, nosotras</i>
you (informal/familiar)	<i>tú</i>	you	<i>Uds.</i>
you (formal/polite)	<i>Ud.</i>		
he, she	<i>él, ella</i>	they	<i>ellos, ellas</i>

Helpful Hints:

- If you are talking about someone, use *he* or *she* as the pronoun.
- If you are talking to someone, use *you* as the pronoun.
- You can be singular or plural. If the *you* is one person, use *tú* or *Ud.*
If the *you* is a group of people, use *Uds.*
- If you are talking about a group of people but you are not one of the group, use *they*.
If you are talking about a group of people and you are part of the group, use *we*.
- If the *we* or *they* is a group of only males or mixed male and female, use *nosotros* or *ellos*.
If the *we* or *they* is a group of only females, use *nosotras* or *ellas*.

Practice

Choose the proper subject pronoun to use in each situation.

- talking to a stranger _____
- talking about John and Francis _____
- talking about your brother _____
- talking to a group of friends _____
- talking about Julie and Peggy _____
- talking to your best friend _____
- talking about your sister _____
- talking to an elderly couple _____
- talking to your teacher _____
- talking about yourself _____
- talking to your sister _____
- talking about yourself
and another person _____



Who Is It?



Tú and Usted

Me llamo _____.

Tengo _____ años.

Write the names of people you may know that fit each description below.

tú—informal or familiar form of you

someone you refer to by first name	
your sister or brother (or cousin)	
a classmate	
a close friend	
a child younger than yourself	

usted—formal or polite form of you

someone with a title	
an older person	
a stranger	
a person of authority	

How would you speak to each person below? Write *tú* or *usted* after each person named.

1. Dr. Hackett _____

2. Susana _____

3. a four-year-old _____

4. your grandfather _____

5. the governor _____

6. your best friend _____

7. your sister _____

8. the principal _____

9. a classmate _____

10. a stranger _____