



## Problems with personal pronouns

Personal pronouns are **small words** that you can **use to replace a person or thing**, when you've already talked about them. For example:

Barry loves Nathalie. **He** (Barry) is always buying **her** (Nathalie) presents.

### Using singular or plural

- The singular (talking about one thing) personal pronouns are:  
**I/me he/him she/her it you**
- The plural (talking about more than 1) personal pronouns are:  
**we/us they/them you**

**Singular** personal pronouns are used to **replace singular nouns** (one person or thing).

**Plural** personal pronouns are used to **replace plural nouns** (many people or things).

NOTE: 'You' can be used to replace one person or many people, it is both singular and plural.

### Using 'I' or 'me'

These personal pronouns are often used in the wrong place. Think about whether the personal pronoun is the subject or the object.

**Is it 'I' doing something or 'me' being acted upon?** For example:

John and **I** are going there.

Please give the money to **me**.

A good trick for working out which one to use is to say the sentence to yourself with the other person taken out. For example:

John and I are going to the cinema.

Take out 'John' and what do you get? You get 'I am going to the cinema' – which is right. If you said 'Me are going to the cinema' you can hear that it is wrong.