

Replace the nouns (Grammar)

Description: A walk-around exercise to practice replacing nouns or noun phrases with the appropriate personal pronouns.

Use with or after: *English Network Starter Compact*, Unit 8.

Skill: Grammar

Focus: Personal pronouns as the subject or object of a sentence, or both.

Time: 10 minutes

Preparation:

- Print out the second and third pages of this file (on stiff paper if possible) and cut along the dotted lines. This will give you 16 different prompt cards.
- If you have more than 16 students in your class, make an extra copy of one of the pages and use some of the questions twice.

Procedure:

- Write “I →” on the board, and see if the students can tell you the corresponding object pronoun *me*. Continue this until you have the following table built up on the board:

I → me	we → us
you → you	you → you
he → him	they → them
she → her	
it → it	

- Demonstrate the exercise by reading out this sentence (don't write it!) and asking the students to replace the nouns or noun phrases by the appropriate pronouns: *Paul can give the new map to Bea*. Read this several times, if necessary – slowly – until the students succeed in forming the sentence: *He can give it to her*.
- Give each student one of the prompt cards. Ask them to stand up, walk around and talk to one person at a time. At each encounter, each student should read out the first sentence on the card – slowly, and more than once if necessary – and check that the other student forms the second sentence correctly, with the appropriate personal pronouns.
- Take a card yourself and do the exercise with them, so you can be available to help or make corrections.



Alan likes Bea.

He likes her.

Bea likes Alan.

She likes him.



Alan and Bea can't find the
Chinese restaurant.

They can't find it.

The interesting new job is for
Alan.

It's for him.



Bea and I know Paul and Indira.

We know them.

Paul and Indira know Bea and me.

They know us.



Alan's jeans are too big for Bea.

They are too big for her.

Or: They're too big for her.

Bea's jeans are too small for Alan.

They are too small for him.

Or: They're too small for him.





Bea doesn't like Alan's new glasses.

She doesn't like them.

Indira can introduce you and Paul to Carl and me.

She can introduce you to us.



Alan can wear his new black trousers.

He can wear them.

Alan wants to tell Bea about his new job.

He wants to tell her about it.



Paul and I can't find the new hotel.

We can't find it.

Do you and Carl want to visit Bea's parents.

Do you want to visit them?



Bea wants to introduce Indira to her parents.

She wants to introduce her to them.

Carl and I want to show the photos to Bea.

We want to show them to her.

