

Subjects, Verbs and Subject Pronouns, Oh My!

In English and in French, sentences have a **subject** and a **verb**.

The **subject** is the person or thing (noun) that is doing the action or that is being described.

The **verb** is the action word or a linking word like “are” or “is”.

Sometimes a **pronoun** takes the place of a noun in sentences.

The Subject Pronouns in French

Singular

plural

je

= I

nous

= we

tu

= you (singular and familiar)

vous

= you (plural or formal) (“y’all”)

il

= he /it

ils

= they (masculine or a mix)

elle

= she /it

elles

= they (feminine)

qui

= who?

tout le monde = everyone

on

= one, “people”

1) **Je** changes to **j’** before a vowel or an H. (je j’aime)



2) Capitalize **Je** only at the start of a sentence.

3) **Il, Elle, Ils and Elles** may be used to replace the names of both **people** and **things**.

Exemple:

Justin chante.

Le garçon chante.

IL CHANTE

Brittany arrive.

La fille arrive.

ELLE ARRIVE

Le chat chante.

La télé arrive.

Batman et Robin mangent.
Les frères mangent.
Les chiens mangent.

} ILS MANGENT

JLo et Kim dansent.
Les sœurs dansent.
Les poubelles dansent.

} ELLES DANSENT

- 4) ____ ELLES ____ only refers to a group of ALL females / ALL feminine things.
Otherwise ____ ILS ____ is used.

Exemple: Taylor Swift, Sierra et Reese sont blondes. → Elles sont blondes.

Taylor Swift, Ryan Gosling et Reese sont blonds. → Ils sont blonds.

- 5) The ____ S ____ of **vous, nous, ils, et elles** is **pronounced ONLY** before a __vowel__ or an __h__. It sounds like a “__z__”.

Exemple: Nous écoutons. (**Noozaycooton**)
zz

- 6) If the verb begins with a ____vowel____ the plural **ils** and **elles** sound different from the singular **il** and **elle** because of the “__z__” sound. Otherwise there is no difference in sound.