

Unit 11 - Pronouns

Lesson 5 - Common pronoun mistakes

Discuss

- Talk about the pronoun whom. When should it be used? Does anyone use it? How can you tell from what you know about Latin that it is an object form?
- Are we watching language changing right in front of us? Is whom disappearing? Should we try to preserve it? Will the pronoun them disappear too?
- Pronoun mistakes are very common, but if you understand the difference between a subject and an object, you will not make these mistakes.

Activity

Name five types of common pronouns mistakes and see if the students can generate sentences with these mistakes in them.

1. object form used as a subject
e.g. *Me and my brother went to the beach.*
2. object form after a linking verb
e.g. *It's him.*
3. over-correction, subject form in a prepositional phrase
e.g. *This is just between you and I.*
4. whom ignored
e.g. *Who do you love?*
5. Reflexive not referring back to anything
e.g. *He gave the answer to John, Katie, and myself.*

Ask them to look and listen for these mistakes in writing or in conversation. (A short conversation on when and where not to correct people might be appropriate!)

Homework
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