


4 Different Cases

Case is the function or role that a noun or pronoun is fulfilling in a sentence. Nouns and pronouns take different inflected forms depending on what case they are being used in. 

Case #1: Subject Case (also called nominative case)

A pronoun/noun is in subject case when it is the main actor in the sentence. Which means it is "doing the verb."

example: She is in school today.

Handwritten annotations: "Sub" above "is" with a circle around it, and "V" below "is". A red underline is drawn under the entire sentence.

My Pronoun Case Chart

Just like nouns, pronouns change depending on their role in a sentence. Fill in this chart with the different forms of each type of pronoun.

CASE	FIRST PERSON		SECOND PERSON		THIRD PERSON			
	Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural	Male	Female	Neuter	Plural
Subject	I	we	you	you	he	she	it	they
Object	me	us	you	y'all you	him	her	it	them
Possessive	my mine	our ours	your yours	y'all's yours	his	her hers	its	their theirs
Reflexive	myself	ourselves	yourself	yourselves	himself	herself	itself	themselves

Case #2: Object Case (also called objective case)

A pronoun/noun is in object case when it is being acted upon by the actor in the sentence. Which means it is NOT "doing the verb."

example: Ms. Norr **gave** her homework today.

Handwritten annotations: "Sub" above "Ms. Norr", "obj" above "gave", and "obj" above "her". A red circle is drawn around the word "gave" with a red arrow pointing downwards from the bottom of the circle.

Case #3: Possessive Case

(pronouns never use an apostrophe to show possession)

A pronoun/noun is in possessive case when it is showing ownership of something else.

example: **She** **turned in** **her** **homework** **today.**



Case #4: Reflexive Case

(nouns cannot be in the reflexive case, only pronouns can)

A pronoun is in reflexive case when it is the object of itself. So the noun/pronoun is "doing the verb" and being acted upon.

example: **She** congratulated **herself** on turning
in her homework.

Handwritten annotations in green: "Sub" above "She", "V" above "congratulated", "ref" above "herself", "obj" above "herself", and "pos" below "her".

The teacher smiled when he took roll.

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The students listened to him quietly.

The students listened to him quietly.

The students surprised themselves by laughing at his jokes.

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The zombie licked his decaying lips excitedly.

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My cat coughed up a fur ball, and its texture was like a spaghetti and meatballs.

**The cow chewed her cud until she
wasn't hungry anymore.**

**For the first time in a century, the zombie
got to do his favorite thing, watch the
sunrise.**