# Object pronouns

## Introduction

Moi, j'aime le cinéma, et vous ?

*Me, I love cinema, and you? (I do love cinema, what about you?)*

Toi, tu détestes la piscine. Mais nous, nous aimons nager.

*You, you hate swimming pools. But we, we love swimming. (You do hate swimming, but we love swimming.)*

Vous voulez déjeuner avec moi ?

*Would like to have lunch with me?*

Elle, elle est toujours en mission. Heureusement ses parents sont là et elle habite chez eux.

*She, she is always on a mission. Fortunately her parents are there and she lives with them. (Indeed, she is always on a mission. Fortunately her parents are there and she lives with them.)*

C'est un cadeau pour ton frère ? oui, c'est un cadeau pour lui.

*Is it a present for your brother? Yes, it is a present for him*.

## Utilisations

A « tonic pronoun » refers to people.

Used to :

- emphasize another pronoun :

- « Moi, je t'adore ! Et toi, tu m'aimes ? »
- Me, I adore you ! And you, do you love me? (I do love you, what about you do you love me?)

- Short answers :

- « Qui a trouvé la solution ? Moi, madame ! »
- Who found the solution? Me, madame! (I did !)

- Emphasize, or create a contrast :

- « Lui aimerait faire de la moto. Ses parents, eux, ne veulent pas. »
- Him, he’d like to ride a bike. His parents, them, don’t want him to. (He’d like to ride a motorbike, but his parents don’t want him to.)

Also used with

- C’est and ce sont (It is) :

- Ce n'est pas moi, c'est lui !
- It isn’t me, it’s him !

- With and (et) or (ou) :

- Toi ou moi ?
- you or me?
- C'est lui ou moi !
- It’s him or me!

- With prepositions :

- Il travaille avec nous. Aujourd'hui, il est chez lui.
- He works with us. Today it’s at his place.
- Tu déjeunes avec moi ?
- Are you having lunch with me?
- Voila un café pour toi !
- Here’s a cup of coffee for you !

- With comparatives :

- Il est plus grand que moi.
- He is taller than me

# Construction

There is a « tonic (object) pronoun » for each personal subject pronoun:

| **pronom personnel sujet** | **pronom tonique** |
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| **je *(I)*** | **moi *(me)*** |
| **tu *(You)*** | **toi *(you)*** |
| **il *(he)*** | **lui *(him)*** |
| **elle *(she)*** | **elle *(her)*** |
| **nous *(we)*** | **nous *(us)*** |
| **vous *(you)*** | **vous *(you)*** |

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| **ils *(they-masculine)*** | **eux *(them-masculine)*** |
| **elles *(they-feminine)*** | **elles *(them-feminine)*** |

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