

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?
- Voilà 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 |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| 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 (<i>they-masculine</i>) | eux (<i>them-masculine</i>) |
| elles (<i>they-feminine</i>) | elles (<i>them-feminine</i>) |

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