

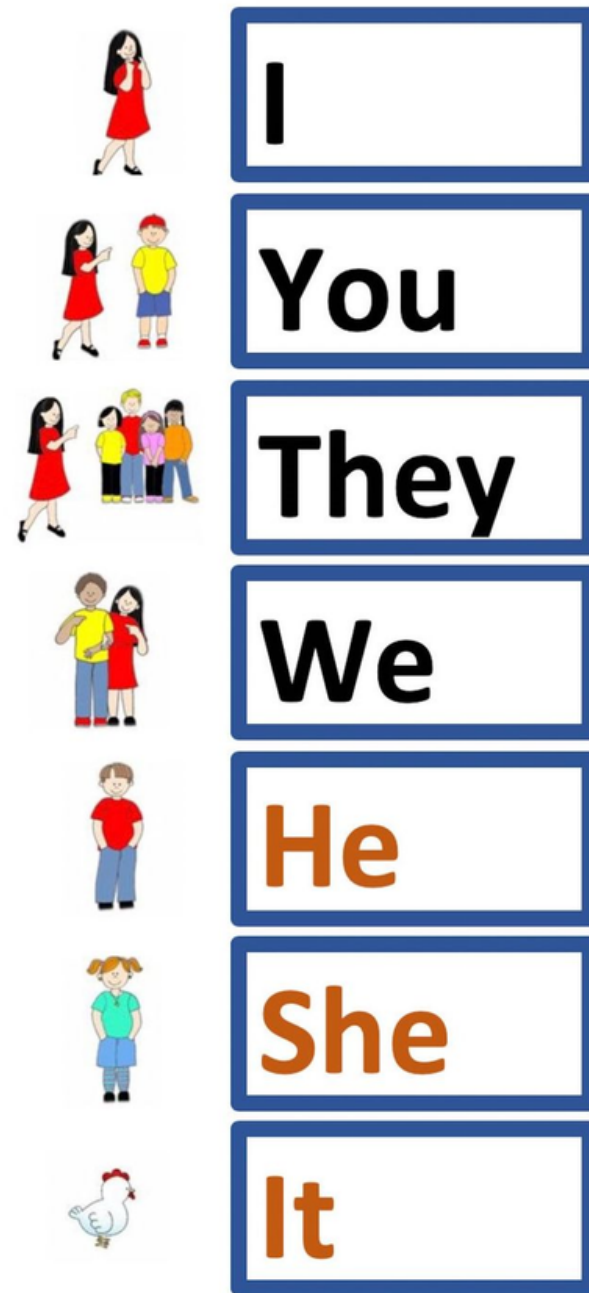
UNIT 39



ALL ABOUT 'IT': A JOURNEY THROUGH PRONOUNS



WHAT IS THE PRONOUN “IT”?



The pronoun “**it**” is a third-person singular pronoun that is commonly used in English to refer to inanimate objects, animals, ideas, and to express certain concepts like weather, time, and distance.

GRAMMAR STRUCTURE:

- **Subject Pronoun:** “It” can be used as the subject of a sentence.

Example: “It is raining.”

- **Object Pronoun:** “It” can also function as the object in a sentence.

Example: “I found it.”

- **Possessive Form:** The possessive version of “it” is “its.”

Example: “The cat licked its paw.”

USAGE:

- **Inanimate Objects:** Used for objects without gender.

Example: “The book is on the table. It is interesting.”



- **Animals:** Used when the gender is unknown or irrelevant.

Example: “The dog is barking. It seems hungry.”



- **Weather/Time:** Describing weather conditions or indicating time.

Example: “It is sunny today.” or “What time is it?”



- **Dummy Subject:** Acts as a placeholder in sentences.

Example: “It seems that he is late.”



IMPORTANT RULES:

Gender-neutral: “It” is used for gender-neutral nouns or when the gender of the thing it refers to is unknown.

Singular: “It” is always singular, so it must agree with a verb in the third person singular.

Example: “It eats fish.”

Distinction from “he” and “she”: “It” is used for things and animals, while “he” is used for male persons and “she” for female persons.

Reflexive pronoun: For inanimate objects, “itself” is used as a reflexive pronoun.

Example: “The door closed by itself.”

"IT," "ITS," AND "IT'S"



“It”:

Usage: “It” is a pronoun used to refer to a singular noun or as a subject or object in a sentence.

Examples:

Subject: “It is raining.”

Demonstrative: “It is the book I was talking about.”

“It’s”:

Usage: “It’s” is a contraction of “it is” or “it has.”

Examples:

“It’s raining outside.”
(Contraction of “it is raining outside.”)

“It’s been a long day.”
(Contraction of “it has been a long day.”)

“Its”:

Usage: “Its” is a possessive determiner that shows ownership or possession. It indicates that something belongs to or is associated with another thing.

Examples:

“The dog wagged its tail.”

THANKS!



**It has been
fun!**

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