11 Subject and object pronouns

1 Form

	SINGULAR					PLURAL		
subject pronouns	*I*	*you*	*he*	*she*	*it*	*we*	*you*	*they*
object pronouns	*me*	*you*	*him*	*her*	*it*	*us*	*you*	*them*

2 Use

We use the pronouns *I/me, you/you, he/him, she/her, we/us* and *they/them* for people.
We use subject pronouns before the verb. We use object pronouns after the verb.

SUBJECT	VERB	OBJECT
Christina ↓ *She*	*likes*	*David.* ↓ *him.*
Michael ↓ *He*	*loves*	*the children.* ↓ *them.*

⚠ *Here's the postman.* ✗ ~~*Comes every day at this time.*~~ ✓ ***He*** *comes every day at this time.*

What do you think of our new teacher? ✗ ~~*I like.*~~ ✓ *I like* ***her****.*

3 Things and animals

We use the pronouns *it, they* and *them* for things and animals:
'Can I put these 5p coins in the ticket machine?' 'No, ***it*** *doesn't accept* ***them****.'*
There's a fox in our garden. ***It*** *eats the food from the bins.*

But if we know the sex of an animal we can also use *he/she/him/her*:
Jack has a cat called Fluffy. ***She*** *is three years old.*

it for weather, time, distance, etc. ➤ Unit 76.1

4 Object pronouns after prepositions and *be*

We also use object pronouns

- after prepositions (e.g. *near, to, of*):
  Mr and Mrs Jenson live ***near us****.*
  Can you give this letter ***to him****?*
  'Which colour do you prefer?' 'I like both ***of them****.'*
- after the verb *be*:
  'Who's that?' 'It's ***me****.'*
  That's ***us*** *in the photo.*