

give her a present, give it to her

Object pronouns and recipients

6 Exercises · Duration: 20 min.

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Object pronouns and recipients

Subject pronouns do an action; object pronouns receive it: **I → me, he → him, she → her, we → us, they → them.** **You** and **it** stay the same. Say **I know her**, not the subject form after the verb.

A gift can be expressed in either order: **Give Nicky a present** or **Give a present to Nicky.** With two object pronouns, the second pattern is usually clearer: **Give it to her.**

Use **for** when naming who a gift is intended for: **a present for Nicky.** **To** names the recipient in the giving pattern.

Form	Example	Meaning
her	I know her.	Say you know the woman.
me	Jack helps me.	Say you receive Jack's help.
him	Give him a present.	Give a present to the man.
to	Give it to Nicky.	Name the recipient of the object.
for	This present is for Nicky.	Say who the present is intended for.
us	Anne helps us.	Say Anne helps our group.

I know her.

Say you know the woman.

Jack helps me.

Say you receive Jack's help.

Give him a present.

Give a present to the man.

Give it to Nicky.

Name the recipient of the object.

This present is for Nicky.

Say who the present is intended for.

Anne helps us.

Say Anne helps our group.

GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE PATTERNS

Underline the form described in this unit.

1 I know her.

Meaning: Say you know the woman.

2 Jack helps me.

Meaning: Say you receive Jack's help.

3 Give him a present.

Meaning: Give a present to the man.

4 Give it to Nicky.

Meaning: Name the recipient of the object.

5 This present is for Nicky.

Meaning: Say who the present is intended for.

6 Anne helps us.

Meaning: Say Anne helps our group.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Choose the right word for the gap.

1 I know _____.

- ☐ A hers
- ☐ B she
- ☐ C her

Meaning: Say you know the woman.

2 Jack helps _____.

- ☐ A I
- ☐ B me
- ☐ C my

Meaning: Say you receive Jack's help.

3 Give _____ a present.

- ☐ A him
- ☐ B he
- ☐ C his

Meaning: Give a present to the man.

4 Give it _____ Nicky.

- ☐ A for
- ☐ B to
- ☐ C at

Meaning: Name the recipient of the object.

5 This present is _____ Nicky.

- ☐ A at
- ☐ B for
- ☐ C to

Meaning: Say who the present is intended for.

6 Anne helps _____.

- ☐ A our
- ☐ B us
- ☐ C we

Meaning: Say Anne helps our group.

G3) COMPLETE A SHORT MESSAGE

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

she her

I know _____.

Meaning: Say you know the woman.

I me

Jack helps _____.

Meaning: Say you receive Jack's help.

he him

Give _____ a present.

Meaning: Give a present to the man.

for to

Give it _____ Nicky.

Meaning: Name the recipient of the object.

to for

This present is _____ Nicky.

Meaning: Say who the present is intended for.

we us

Anne helps _____.

Meaning: Say Anne helps our group.

G4) BUILD USEFUL SENTENCES

Put the words in order.

- 1 her. know I

Meaning: Say you know the woman.

- 2 helps Jack me.

Meaning: Say you receive Jack's help.

- 3 present. Give him a

Meaning: Give a present to the man.

- 4 Nicky. it to Give

Meaning: Name the recipient of the object.

- 5 Nicky. is This for present

Meaning: Say who the present is intended for.

- 6 Anne helps us.

Meaning: Say Anne helps our group.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

- 1 Say you know the woman. You say:

- (A) I know her.
(B) I know she.

- 2 Say you receive Jack's help. You say:

- (A) Jack helps I.
(B) Jack helps me.

3 Give a present to the man. You say:

- ☐ A Give he a present.
- ☐ B Give him a present.

4 Name the recipient of the object. You say:

- ☐ A Give it for Nicky.
- ☐ B Give it to Nicky.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| ☐ 1 Give it to Nicky. | ☐ A Name the recipient of the object. |
| ☐ 2 Give him a present. | ☐ B Say you receive Jack's help. |
| ☐ 3 This present is for Nicky. | ☐ C Say who the present is intended for. |
| ☐ 4 Anne helps us. | ☐ D Say Anne helps our group. |
| ☐ 5 I know her. | ☐ E Say you know the woman. |

⑥ Jack helps me.

⑦ Give a present to the man.