

Subject Pronouns / Personal Pronouns

I	<u>ich</u>	we	<u>wir</u>
you (casual)	<u>du</u>	you (plural)	<u>ihr</u>
he	<u>er</u>	they	<u>sie</u>
she	<u>sie</u>	You (formal)	<u>Sie</u>
it	<u>es</u>		

- Pronouns stand in for a noun. der Mann = er – or – der Mann ist alt = er ist alt.
- If you want to talk about an object without naming it, you can say “it” in English.
- In German, you have to know whether that object is masculine (‘der’), feminine (‘die’), or neuter (‘das’).
- For masculine nouns, “it” = ER. For feminine nouns, “it” = SIE. For neuter nouns, “it” = ES. All plural nouns are “they” = SIE.
- When talking TO people face to face, you need to judge whether to be formal or casual. If casual, use DU for one person or IHR for more than one. If formal, use SIE for both one and several people.
- If you are talking ABOUT a person (not to their face), simply use ER or SIE (male or female). There is no ‘formal’ way to talk about a third person; only to their face can you distinguish between formal and casual.

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| 1. | You are talking about "das Auto" | → | _____ | ist gut. |
| 2. | You are talking to your brother | → | _____ | bist doof. |
| 3. | You are talking about "die Universität" | → | _____ | ist groß. |
| 4. | You are talking to your doctor | → | _____ | sind gut. |
| 5. | You are talking about "der Bus" | → | _____ | ist gelb. |
| 6. | You are talking to the bus driver | → | _____ | sind schnell. |
| 7. | You are talking about "die Männer" | → | _____ | sind nett. |
| 8. | You are talking to a group of friends | → | _____ | seid lustig. |
| 9. | You are talking about "die Schuhe" | → | _____ | sind braun. |
| 10. | You are talking to two strangers | → | _____ | sind freundlich. |
| 11. | You are talking about "der Garten" | → | _____ | ist grün. |
| 12. | You are talking to two children | → | _____ | seid brav. |
| 13. | You are talking about "die Professorin" | → | _____ | ist gut. |
| 14. | You are talking to the professor (female) | → | _____ | sind hilfreich. |
| 15. | You are talking about "der Professor" | → | _____ | ist nicht gut. |
| 16. | You are talking to the professor (male) | → | _____ | sind nett. |
| 17. | You are talking about "das Mädchen" | → | _____ | ist süß. |
| 18. | You are talking to your cat | → | _____ | bist lustig. |
| 19. | You are talking about "die Bäckerei" | → | _____ | ist gut. |
| 20. | You are talking to your grandmother | → | _____ | bist nett. |
| 21. | You are talking about "die Sofas" | → | _____ | sind teuer. |
| 22. | You are talking to three professors | → | _____ | sind gut. |

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