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GRAMÁTICA 1

Subjects and verbs in sentences

- The **subject** of a sentence is the person, place, or thing being described or performing an action. It can be a noun or a pronoun (a word that replaces a noun such as **él** or **ella**).

El señor Garza es profesor de español.

Mr. Garza is a Spanish teacher.

Él es de España.

He is from Spain.

- The **verb** is the action the subject is performing or the word that connects the subject to a description (a word like **soy/eres/es**).

Alicia **es** estudiante.

Alicia is a student.

Yo **soy** de México.

I am from Mexico.

- In Spanish, the subject can be left out if it is clear who or what is being described.

Juan es mi amigo. **Él** es de Paraguay. *or* Es de Paraguay.

Juan is my friend. He is from Paraguay.

- 10** Write the subject and the verb of each sentence on the lines that follow it.

MODELO Mi amigo es de España. subject: **Mi amigo** verb: **es**

1. Yo soy Vicente. subject: _____ verb: _____

2. Marta es mi compañera de clase. subject: _____ verb: _____

3. Ella es de California. subject: _____ verb: _____

4. El señor Porta es mi profesor. subject: _____ verb: _____

5. Él es el señor Ortiz. subject: _____ verb: _____

- 11** Unscramble each set of words to make a complete sentence. Capitalize letters and add punctuation where appropriate.

MODELO es / Bolivia / mi amiga / de **Mi amiga es de Bolivia.**

1. de / Javier / México / es

2. es / mi mejor amiga / ella

3. mi profesor / es / él / de ciencias

4. una compañera / Rosa / de clase / es

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Subject pronouns in Spanish			
<i>One person</i>		<i>More than one person</i>	
yo	<i>I</i>	nosotros (males or mixed group)	<i>we</i>
		nosotras (all female)	
tú (familiar)	<i>you</i>	vosotros (all males or mixed group, in Spain)	<i>you</i>
usted (formal)		vosotras (all females, in Spain)	
		ustedes (males and/or females)	
él	<i>he</i>	ellos (males or mixed group)	<i>they</i>
ella	<i>she</i>	ellas (all female)	

12 What pronoun would you use to *talk to* these people? The first one has been done for you.

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| 1. your friend's father _____ usted | 4. two classmates _____ |
| 2. your friend _____ | 5. a group of school children |
| 3. a group of several girls | in Spain _____ |
| from Spain _____ | 6. your teacher _____ |

13 What pronoun would you use to *talk about* these people? The first one has been done for you.

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| 1. your two best friends, both | 4. yourself _____ |
| female _____ ellas | 5. your sister _____ |
| 2. your big brothers _____ | 6. your father _____ |
| 3. your two neighbors, a boy and | 7. your uncle, your aunt, |
| a girl _____ | and yourself _____ |

14 Write the pronoun that you would use for each of the following subjects in Spanish.

MODELO Elvira y tú **ustedes**

- Ricky _____
- Mis amigas y yo (*all girls*) _____
- Víctor y Ricardo _____
- Julieta _____
- Robert y tú (*in Spain*) _____
- Rosa y Mónica _____

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15 Look at the following list of subject pronouns and check all the boxes that apply to each. The first one has been done for you.

Subject pronoun	One person	More than one person	Male(s)	Female(s)	Males and females
Ellos		X	X		X
Ella					
Ustedes					
Ellas					
Nosotras					
Usted					
Nosotros					
Él					
Vosotras					
Tú					
Vosotros					

16 Rewrite the following sentences by replacing the subject with a pronoun.

MODELO Mariano es de Ecuador. **Él es de Ecuador.**

1. Doug es un estudiante de San Francisco, California.

2. La muchacha es mi amiga.

3. Bruce y Roberto son (*are*) estudiantes.

4. Maribel y yo somos (*are*) de España.

17 In the conversation below, write on each line the subject pronoun that has been left out. The first one has been done for you.

Cristina Hola. Soy Cristina Ochoa. (1) Yo

Éste es mi amigo. Se llama Malcolm. (2) _____

Antonela Me llamo Antonela. (3) _____

Ésta es Gloria. Es mi amiga. (4) _____