

***I, Me, Mine, Who, Whom, Whose,  
He, She, Him, Her, his, hers***

This exercise sheet is concerned with case. Remember that nouns and pronouns are declined in one of three cases: subject (also called the subjective or nominative), object (also called objective), and possessive. Nouns have case, although they seldom display it unless in the possessive. Pronouns retain a measure of complexity in their declensions.

When pronouns serve as subjects or predicate nouns (which are grammatically equivalent to subjects), formal rule-based grammar demands that they be in the subject case.

When pronouns serve as direct objects, indirect objects, object complements, or objects of prepositions, they must be in the object case.

*Use the appropriate case and number of the 3<sup>rd</sup> person personal pronoun (he, she, it).*

- 1) One day a paintbrush appeared (on my living room floor). It was lying (with Orange's wiffle balls).
- 2) Strange, I thought. I wonder [how it got there].
- 3) Later that day, Abby was sitting (in the sun). She was stretched luxuriantly next (to the brush).
- 4) Good (for her), I thought, she has been hunting.
- 5) The following morning the brush appeared upstairs. She was bringing a fresh kill (with her).

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Fill in the blanks, using the appropriate case of **Who/Whom** and other pronouns. I have bracketed relative clauses.

- 6) I heard a mewling noise from [whom I did not know].
- 7) Stooping I saw a kitten [who was temporarily blinded].
- 8) He was guarded by another more fierce kitten [who seemed willing to attack a large creature like I/me].
- 9) The male kitten, [who was cured of his parasitic condition and regained sight], was named Delancy.
- 10) His sister, [to whom he owed his life for {she/her had fed he/him as well as protected him}], we named Cherry. Identify the function of "for."  
What type of clause is placed within curled brackets?

↳ independent clause

↳ coordinating conjunction

Underline and identify all objects and complements in the following sentences (DO, IO, OC, PN, PA). There may be none. For this exercise, don't identify objects of prepositions.

- 11) Mr. Gray is dead now. LV PA
- 12) But (for a bit over five years) he was a hero (among cats.) S LV PN
- 13) I didn't know him (until late) (in his life.) S AV DO
- 14) I tossed Mr. Gray playtoys. AV IO DO
- 15) (With superior disdain) he ignored my friendly gestures. S AV DO

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- 16) (At night) <sup>S</sup> he <sup>AV</sup> would sleep (on my chest.) I <sup>AV</sup> could not move.
- 17) One night I <sup>S</sup> <sup>AV</sup> moved accidentally, (and) Gray <sup>S</sup> <sup>AV</sup> slapped my cheek <sup>DO</sup> hard.
- 18) The noise <sup>S</sup> <sup>AV</sup> woke the other cats. I <sup>DO</sup> <sup>S</sup> <sup>AV</sup> didn't move further.
- 19) Gray <sup>S</sup> <sup>AV</sup> had the most expressive <sup>DO</sup> eyes.
- 20) They <sup>S</sup> <sup>LV</sup> were unfathomable <sup>PN</sup> pools (of liquid wisdom.)
- 21) He <sup>S</sup> <sup>AV</sup> is mourned (to this day.)

In the following sentences underline the complete subject once and the complete predicate twice.

- 22) That big old Mug Mug is king of the entire herd.
- 23) The gentle giant often takes their grooming upon himself.
- 24) Across the floor ran snarl-lipped Harold.
- 25) Don't they know about the mice in the cupboards?
- 26) Slowly, but with increasing force, the cats began pushing through the screen.

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Underline the simple subject with a single line, the simple verb with a double line. Supply you where necessary.

27) We cooked a five-course meal for those cats.

28) The distance from the food supply added to their hunger.

29) A dog of that size has no chance against Alley.

(You)

30) Wear your collar today.

(You)

31) Please come right home after the hunt.

32) Dennis, Dudley, and Roxanne are a family.

33) Pike, Harry, Clyde, and Angus stalk, walk, and meow similarly.

34) Most of the dogcatchers have criticized and condemned our cats.

35) Have you seen or heard anything about the fight?

36) Mr. Gray, fatigued with indignation in the heat of feeding, looked silently at Cecelia.

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Identify the objects and complements in each sentence by writing DO, IO, OC, PA or PN above the appropriate word. There may be none. For this exercise, don't identify objects of prepositions.

37) The catnip is a very important ingredient (in this dish.)  
 S LV PN

38) Pike roared a challenge (at the intruders.)  
 S AV DO

(You) Divide the tuna evenly.  
 S DO

40) Clyde should certainly wake (before noon.)  
 S AV

41) Dudley and his mother were sitting (in the parlor.)  
 S S AV

42) The summer continued hot and dry.  
 S LV PA PA

43) This condition increased the danger (of lost tempers.)  
 S AV DO

(You) Don't tell anyone the truth (about Dennis.)  
 IO DO

46) There was just one cat in the room.

47) (After all that screeching) nothing happened.  
 S AV

"There" is an introductory pronoun introducing the clause  
 "Just one cat was in the room."  
 [We will consult the dictionary]