

A Bit more on Grammar and Case

A **phrase** is a chunk of grammar, a unit of meaning, that does not have both subject and verb. A **clause** is a unit of meaning that *does* have both subject and verb: it may or may not be able to stand alone.

1. With you and I/me standing at the crossroads, we/us tried to hitch a ride.

In the sentence above, find two prepositional phrases. Remember, prepositional phrases will have both a preposition and an object (at least). Also, identify the main clause.

2. Nobody who/whom passed we/us seemed to know we/us.

*An **infinitive** is a verb form, usually beginning with “to” that does not function as a main verb. Infinitives can form phrases. Find the infinitive phrase above.*

3. Everyone passed I/me by.

The word “by” above is an adverb, adding meaning to “passed,” telling how. What is the function of the pronoun?