

## 16. First & Second Person Pronouns

Complete the following table *in English*.

	Singular	Plural
<b>First Person</b> I We	N: G: D: A:	N: G: D: A:
<b>Second Person</b> You You	N: G: D: A:	N: G: D: A:

Underline the first and second person pronouns in this story from my childhood.

### Wild Accusations

My mom and dad were standing beside me on the gravel road that ran past our house, happily watching my little sister, Jane. She was wobbling her way down a hill on a shiny pink bicycle, experiencing for the first time the wonder of unassisted balance and motion on two wheels.

Newborn skills are fragile. As the bike rolled down the hill it gained dangerous speed. Playful wobbling turned into desperate zigs and zags. Jane's path became as frantic as the look on her face. Faster and faster she went, her control diminishing as her velocity increased. A final desperate zag sent her smashing squarely into me. She erupted in an instinctive and outraged, "MOOOOOREEEEEEE!"

I confess that I used to delight in provoking this reaction from my little sister. But on this occasion I was as innocent as the mailbox on the road beside me. As my sister and I picked ourselves up out of the gravel, we heard mom and dad in the background, laughing uproariously at the wild ride and even wilder accusation.

I have been feeling a lot like Jane on that bike lately. As I wobble down life's road, I keep gaining speed, losing control and plowing into things. My instinct is to blame innocent bystanders.

I am slowly learning to face the facts: The only hands doing any steering are the ones attached to my own arms and if I ever want to learn to ride I must stop complaining about everyone else and take responsibility for my own collisions.

Supply English translations for the first and second person Greek pronouns.

1st Person		
Singular	Nom	ἐγώ
	Gen	μου ἐμοῦ
	Dat	μοι ἐμοί
	Acc	με ἐμέ
Plural	Nom	ἡμεῖς
	Gen	ἡμῶν
	Dat	ἡμῖν
	Acc	ἡμᾶς

2nd Person		
Singular	Nom	σύ
	Gen	σου σοῦ
	Dat	σοι σοί
	Acc	σε σέ
Plural	Nom	ὕμεῖς
	Gen	ὕμῶν
	Dat	ὕμῖν
	Acc	ὕμᾶς

Match the pronoun with its definition.

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| ___ μοι  | 1 your (plural)     |
| ___ σοι  | 2 you               |
| ___ ὕμῶν | 3 us                |
| ___ ἡμῶν | 4 I                 |
| ___ σύ   | 5 our (plural)      |
| ___ ὕμῖν | 6 to me             |
| ___ ἡμᾶς | 7 to you (plural)   |
| ___ ἐγώ  | 8 to you (singular) |

Underline the first and second person pronouns in the following text. Do not worry that you cannot yet translate this. You will be able to soon!

15.1 Ἐγὼ εἶμι ἡ ἄμπελος ἡ ἀληθινή, καὶ ὁ πατήρ μου ὁ γεωργός ἐστιν. <sup>2</sup> πᾶν κλῆμα ἐν ἐμοὶ μὴ φέρον καρπὸν αἶρει αὐτό, καὶ πᾶν τὸ καρπὸν φέρον καθαίρει αὐτὸ ἵνα καρπὸν πλείονα φέρῃ. <sup>3</sup> ἤδη ὑμεῖς καθαροὶ ἐστε διὰ τὸν λόγον ὃν λελάληκα ὑμῖν. <sup>4</sup> μείνατε ἐν ἐμοί, κἀγὼ ἐν ὑμῖν. καθὼς τὸ κλῆμα οὐ δύναται καρπὸν φέρειν ἀφ' ἑαυτοῦ ἐὰν μὴ μένῃ ἐν τῇ ἀμπέλῳ, οὕτως οὐδὲ ὑμεῖς ἐὰν μὴ ἐν ἐμοὶ μένητε. <sup>5</sup> ἐγὼ εἶμι ἡ ἄμπελος, ὑμεῖς τὰ κλήματα. ὁ μένων ἐν ἐμοὶ κἀγὼ ἐν αὐτῷ οὗτος φέρει καρπὸν πολὺν, ὅτι χωρὶς ἐμοῦ οὐ δύνασθε ποιεῖν οὐδέν. <sup>6</sup> ἐὰν μὴ τις μένῃ ἐν ἐμοί, ἐβλήθη ἔξω ὡς τὸ κλῆμα καὶ ἐξηράνθη, καὶ συνάγουσιν αὐτὰ καὶ εἰς τὸ πῦρ βάλλουσιν καὶ καίεται. <sup>7</sup> ἐὰν μείνητε ἐν ἐμοὶ καὶ τὰ ῥήματά μου ἐν ὑμῖν μείνῃ, ὃ ἐὰν θέλητε αἰτήσασθε καὶ γενήσεται ὑμῖν. <sup>8</sup> ἐν τούτῳ ἐδοξάσθη ὁ πατήρ μου ἵνα καρπὸν πολὺν φέρητε καὶ γένησθε ἐμοὶ μαθηταί. <sup>9</sup> καθὼς ἠγάπησέν με ὁ πατήρ, κἀγὼ ὑμᾶς ἠγάπησα, μείνατε ἐν τῇ ἀγάπῃ τῇ ἐμῇ. <sup>10</sup> ἐὰν τὰς ἐντολάς μου τηρήσητε, μενεῖτε ἐν τῇ ἀγάπῃ μου, καθὼς ἐγὼ τὰς ἐντολάς τοῦ πατρός μου τετήρηκα καὶ μένω αὐτοῦ ἐν τῇ ἀγάπῃ.