

56 Can I Use a Pronoun After a Preposition?

Yes, Use an Object Pronoun.

- Use an **object pronoun** after a **preposition**.

My cousin was injured. We take care **of him**.

We do a lot **for him**.

Object Pronouns

| Singular | Plural |
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| me | us |
| you | you |
| him, her, it | them |

Try It

A. Complete each sentence about people who need special care. Add an object pronoun after the preposition.

- My cousin injured his legs in an accident. We care for _____ in many ways.
- When my cousin needs help, he is not afraid to ask for _____.
- We visit my cousin often. He enjoys spending time with _____.
- My cousin has a baby daughter. Sometimes we help him take care of _____.
- My cousin is a strong person. It is a joy to spend time with _____.

B. Complete each sentence about someone who needs special care. Write the correct object pronoun.

- My neighbor is blind. His hearing is very important to _____.
it / him
- He is comfortable in our neighborhood. He walks around _____ daily.
them / it
- My neighbor needs to hear sounds very clearly. It is important for _____ to help him by being close.
me / you
- My neighbor's children and grandchildren visit him often. He loves to sit and talk with _____.
it / them

Write It

C. Answer the questions about a person who needs to be cared for. Use prepositional phrases with pronouns.

10. Who do you know who needs special care? _____

11. What do people do for him or her? _____

12. Who visits him or her? _____

13. What could you do for him or her? _____

14. What does this person's experience mean to you? _____

D. (15–19) Now write at least five sentences about this person, using prepositional phrases and pronoun objects.

Edit It

E. (20–25) Edit the journal entry. Fix six mistakes.

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| | July 23 |
| | My brother needs special care from us. He is |
| | a baby, so we must take care of her. Babies |
| | can harm themselves easily, so someone must |
| | always stay with they. My brother needs lots |
| | of attention, so it is important for them to |
| | play with he. He loves listening to people and |
| | looking at they. I love taking care of my |
| | brother. It is always fun for I. |

Proofreader's Marks

Change text:

I handed the message to
~~her~~
~~she~~

See all Proofreader's Marks
on page ix.