

# subject pronouns

- The subject pronoun is only used when the speaker wants or needs to be emphatic or very specific.
- The person who introduces a subject doesn't need to use the pronoun, but other speakers do (especially when using the same verb).
  - ↳ Juan: Soy médico Pablo: Yo Soy arquitecto
- Questions asked of a group require the pronoun when different speakers answer.
- When asking ¿Quién es? at the door or on the phone, the subject pronoun is always left out. If the one who answers is known to the person asking, the subject pronoun must follow the verb - but if nouns are used it can be omitted.
  - ↳ ¿Quién es? Soy yo, tu abuelo.
- If the one who answers is a stranger, the subject is usually omitted.
- Questions like ¿Quién es él? using the pronoun are possible, but only when talking about someone already mentioned or in view. In pointing to someone, demonstratives are more common than pronouns:
  - ↳ ¿quién es ese?
- When the speaker doesn't know who the subject is or doesn't want to mention it, they can use the impersonal structure, using the 3rd person plural form of the verb. A subject pronoun will never be used in this instance.