E3 & E4 - GrammaticalPerson–1st,2ndand3rdPerson

**Task 1:** Read the following information and take notes of important information:  
 **What is it?  
Grammatical person** shows the relationship between the speaker and other participants in an event. More specifically, it is a reference to a participant in an event, such as the speaker, the addressee (recipient of the speaker’s communication), or others. Grammatical person usually defines the set of personal pronouns used by the speaker. It also frequently affects verbs, sometimes nouns, and possessive relationships as well.

**There are three grammatical persons in English:**  
1) ***First person.*** This is ***I*** when used to talk about yourself. ***I*** is always singular. This is ***we*** when used to talk about a group in which ***I*** is a member. ***We*** is plural.  
  
eg: I love eating ice-cream. Whenever I am lucky enough to have ice-cream for dessert I always choose chocolate. My sister always chooses vanilla; we love ice-cream!   
  
2) ***Second person.*** This is ***you***. Second person is used when referring to the addressee. The addressee may be singular or plural, depending on how many individuals are being addressed.   
  
eg: You really need to wipe the ice-cream off your face. It’s all over you!  
  
3) ***Third person.*** This is ***he, she, it, and they***. Third person is used when referring to any person, place, or thing other than the speaker and the addressee.  
  
eg: She loves ice-cream. Her favourite flavour is chocolate. Often on Friday nights they will have ice-cream for dessert. However, it always ends up a mess, as they are usually always covered in it!   
  
**•** Here is a useful table outlining personal pronouns and their grammatical persons:

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| ***Pronoun*** | ***Person*** |
| I | first person |
| You | second person |
| He | third person |
| She | third person |
| It | third person |
| We | first person |
| They | third person |

**Task 2:** Write the grammatical person used in each sentence in the space to the right.

***Example:*** He walked to the grocery store = Third person

1) I want to go shopping.  
2) They were very tired.  
3) We did not go to the park.  
4) You can use my calculator.  
5) Jane watched a movie last night.  
6) It is going to be a nice day.  
7) Y ou are so funny!  
8) I thought he was joking.  
9) I wonder why they didn’t come to the meeting.   
10) Olivia knew John was in trouble.  
11) “You are nice,” Mark said.  
12) If one were to break the law, he should go to jail.   
13) “I’m leaving!” she yelled.  
14) “Are y’all coming to the football game?” I asked.

**Task 3:** Write your own examples using different grammatical person, use the image below as inspiration.   
  
  
  


First person:  
Second person:  
Third Person:   
  
**Task 4: Change the following 1st person sentences into 3rd person.**

1. I went shopping with my mum on Tuesday. (his, he)   
   2) I wanted to eat at pizza hut.   
   3) My best friend, Lucy, came with me.   
   4) My friend and I had a great time.   
   5) Lucy asked me to borrow my sunglasses.

**Task 5: Change the following 3rd person sentences into 1st person.**

1. Peter walks to the shops every morning. (I)  
   2) He buys his paper at the same time every day.   
   3) He meets his friend, Jane, at the bus-stop.   
   4) She always gives him one of her favourite sweets.   
   5) They talk about their plans for the day together.

**Task 4:** For each of these paragraphs identify what grammatical person is used and highlight the words that create this type of voice.

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