

Stress Pronouns

- Stress pronouns are used to (1) replace another noun
(2) emphasize other pronouns/nouns

(je) moi	I, me	(nous) nous	we, us
(tu) toi	you	(vous) vous	you
(il) lui	he, him	(ils) eux	they, them
(elle) elle	she, her	(elles) elles	they, them
(on) soi	oneself, himself		

Uses:

- A. Stress pronouns are used after a preposition.
 E.g. Il marche **vers moi**. *He walks towards me.*
 Elle viendra **chez toi**. *She will come to your house.*
 Nous parlions **d'eux**. *We were talking about them.*
- B. Some verbs are followed by à + stress pronoun to refer to people.
 être à se fier à penser à
 faire attention à s'intéresser à
 E.g. Le livre est à moi. *The book belongs to me.*
 Alain et Jacqueline? Je me fie à eux. *I trust them.*
- C. Stress pronouns are used after ce + être.
 Qui est-ce? -C'est **elle**. *Who is it? -It's she*
 Ce n'est pas **moi** qui l'ai fait. *I'm not the one who did it.*
- D. Stress pronouns are used when the pronoun doesn't have a verb.
 Qui parle français ici? -**Moi**. *Who speaks French here? - me*
 Je suis plus belle que **toi**. *I am more beautiful than you.*
- E. Stress pronouns are used in a compound (2-parts) subject or object.
 Mon frère **et moi** (nous) sommes allés au parc. *My brother and I went to the park.*
 Leurs enfants **et eux** sont heureux. *They & their children are happy.*
- F. Stress pronouns are used for emphasis or clarification.
Nous, nous ne mentons jamais. *WE never lie.*
 C'est son livre **à elle**. *It's her book. (as opposed to his)*
 Laisse-le tranquille! C'est mon mec **à moi**. *Leave him alone. It's MY guy!*
 (See possessive adjective notes for specifics on adding à + stress pronoun to clarify & emphasize)
- G. For emphasis, you can use a stress pronoun + hyphen & même ("self").
 Je l'ai fait **moi-même**. *I did it myself.*
 Jean y est allé **lui-même**. *John went there himself.*

NOTE: The stress pronoun **soi** (or **soi-même**) is used with indefinite subjects like **on, chacun, tout le monde**, to refer to general statements.

- Il est essentiel d'avoir confiance en **soi**. *It is essential to have self-confidence.*
 Chacun(e) pour **soi**. *Everyone for himself (herself)*
 Tout le monde pense **à soi**. *Everyone thinks of himself (herself)*