

Beginner

Cases of Nouns

A noun or pronoun is sometimes the subject and sometimes the object of a verb. In order to find out or express these and other relations, we use what we call Case. The case shows the relation to some other words in the sentence.

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Nominative Case

A noun or pronoun that is the subject of the verb is in the nominative case.

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explains a subject or a predicate.

Example. *Iwasawa, our president went to Tokyo.*
Let us go to Tokyo, a city.
My favorite dish was cooked by Mrs. Esaki, my aunt.

Address. A noun used in direct address is in the nominative case.

Example. *Mom, please come with me.*
Your father, children want you to help him.
Please lock all the windows, Ikeda.

Exclamation. A noun used independently to express a strong emotion is in the nominative case.

Example. *Action! The officials lack action*
Poor baby! You are hungry.