

SUBJECT PRONOUNS

Je - I

Tu - You

Il - He - It

Elle - She - It

On - We

ON is singular

Nous - We

Vous - You

Ils - They

Elles - They

NOUS is plural

On est - We are

On a - We have

On va - We are going

Nous sommes - We are

Nous avons - We have

Nous allons - We are going

FORMAL and INFORMAL

NOUS is used in formal conversation and formal writing.

ON is used in casual conversation and can be used also in formal emails.

Informal

On est de retour

We are back

Formal

Nous sommes de retour

Informal

On a passé une bonne soirée

We had a good evening

Formal

Nous avons passé une bonne soirée

ON = One

ON can also be used as "One" to talk about a more general idea.

On peut admirer l'architecture en Europe

One can admire the architecture in Europe



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MISTAKES TO AVOID

We saw in the first point that **ON** is a singular pronoun and it will be conjugated as such. However, it still represents a group of few people. That means that if the verb is followed by an adjective or a "participe passé", they will most likely be plural.

On est prêts - We are ready **On = 2 masculines**

On est prêtes - We are ready **On = 2 feminines**

ON when followed by a vowel, will be pronounced with a *link*, which will be pronounced exactly the same as if there is a negation after **ON**.

Once again, **ON** will be used only in informal writing such as texts and emails.

On est là - We are there

On n'est pas là - We are not there

Even if **ON** is only used on formal writing, make sure to not forget the negation.



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