Dear Educator,

In celebration of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., we remember his challenge to us all: “Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'” Your response to this question is reflected in your dedication to developing the English language skills of America’s students. In gratitude for your service to others, please accept this special Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Grammar Gallery Lesson.

You can use the materials on the following pages to have your students practice using subject pronouns. We believe in Dr. King’s words: “Almost always, the creative dedicated minority has made the world better.” We witness educators like you making a better world. Thank you.

The Grammar Gallery Team
Subject Pronouns

A subject pronoun tells who or what is performing the action or experiencing the condition named by the verb in a sentence. It is used in place of a proper or common noun.

Examples

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a great civil rights leader. **He** worked hard to get equal rights for all Americans.

Rosa Parks worked with Dr. King to get equal rights for all Americans. **She** protested unfair laws by refusing to give up her seat on a bus.

Dr. King’s birthday is a national holiday. **It** is celebrated on the third Monday in January.

Americans honor the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. **They** remember that Dr. King used nonviolent actions to make changes in society.
DIRECTIONS: Complete each sentence with a subject pronoun.

Example:

Colette and Justin are marching in a parade. **They** are honoring the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Martin Luther King Day is a national holiday. 

________________ is celebrated on the third Monday of January.
Rosa Parks is also an American hero.  
_____________ protested unfair laws through nonviolent actions.
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. gave a famous speech on August 28, 1963.

___________ said, “I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.”
Directions: Write one or two sentences about each picture. Include a subject pronoun in one of the sentences.

Example:
She is celebrating MLK Day.

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