

Inflections

Look up the word **inflect** to find its meaning in Grammar.

- 1 Write down the correct inflections of the verb **see** in the following examples. Each one should be different.

I don't want to you here again.

She suddenly something out of the corner of her eye.

We haven't him around here recently.

I'll be you.

I honestly don't know what she in him.

- 2 The most inflected verb in English is **be**. How many different forms does the dictionary give, and what are they?

- 3 Complete the following statements. For example,

The pronoun **them** is an inflection of *they*.

The pronoun **us** is an inflection of

The pronoun **him** is an inflection of

The pronoun **her** is an inflection of

The pronoun **me** is an inflection of

- 4 Look at the way the pronouns have been used in these sentences. Is any of them **not** standard English? Mark them ✓ or ✗ and correct the ones that are not standard.

Me and him are good mates.

Him and her ought to stop arguing all the time.

Jasbir and I want to swap jobs.

The money belongs to Stephen and I.

Colin and me won the doubles championship.

Research

As European languages go, English has very few inflections. In your next foreign language lesson, find out how many forms there are for the verb meaning 'see' in French or Spanish or German. Write some of them in the box.