

3. Martin <_____@yahoo.com> asks:

Can anybody point me to a study of how personal pronouns are used in modern vernacular English? Here are a few phrases I heard or read this past year.

- (1) If you have any questions, please let Bob and I know.
- (2) He's a good friend of my wife and I.
- (3) That's where her and I met.
- (4) Me and animals and children, we work together well.
- (5) At least this is what he told John and myself.
- (6) Myself and Robin have worked with the city for years.

Explain to Martin what to make of the pronoun usage in each of these sentences.

How would you categorize and distinguish the different types of (mis)usage?

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4. There is a construction in English of the form *go + V-ing*, as in

We're going shopping.

They went hiking.

Let's go digging for clams.

Not every English verb can appropriately occur in the V slot in this construction:

*We're going teaching.

*They went daydreaming.

*Let's go eating.

Let's go drinking.

*Let's go playing tennis.

Furthermore, whatever the restrictions on this construction are, they involve more than the identity or meaning of that Verb alone:

*He went shopping at the wig counter.

*Let's go digging up some clams.

Characterize as best you can the conditions for the appropriateness of the *go + V-ing* construction, or if you prefer to think of it this way, what the construction means and why it is restricted the way it is.

Do not restrict yourselves to the data on this sheet.

NB: The construction under discussion is **not** the same construction as those exemplified below.

Bill went and dug some clams.

(*go and V*)

He asked us to come eat the clams.

(*come + V*)

He said "Come and get it!"

(*come and V*)

We're going to go eat them.

(*go + V*)

Don't confuse them. *This* construction uses *go*, immediately followed by an *-ing* verb form, but no *and*.

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