# Talking About Past Events - **ALREADY**

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The word 'already' is used to indicate that something has happened earlier and is in some way relevant to the present.

It is used in the mid-position of the sentence, and is usually used with present perfect.

- 1. I have already discussed the topic with my students.
- 2. She has already cooked dinner for the family.
- 3. He has already talked to the teacher.
- 4. They have already studied the lesson.
- 5. John has already left home.
- 6. I have already watched a movie this month.

- 1. I have discussed the topic with my students. Repeat.
- 2. I have discussed the topic with my students. Add: already.
- 3. I have already discussed the topic with my students. Change: friend.
- 4. I have already discussed the topic with my friend. Change: father.
- 5. I have already discussed the topic with my father. Change: they.

- 1. She cooked dinner for the family. Repeat.
- 2. She cooked dinner for the family. Add: has.
- 3. She has cooked dinner for the family. Add: already.
- 4. She has already cooked dinner for the family. Change: he.
- 5. He has already cooked dinner for the family. Change: I.
- 6. I have already cooked dinner for the family. Change: breakfast.
- 7. I have already cooked breakfast for the family. Change: she.

#### R.E.M.S METHOD EXERCISE K1.4

#### Transformation Drill

Listen to the teacher and follow the instructions.

- 1. I have already discussed the topic with my students. Repeat.
- 2. I have already discussed the topic with my students. Transform: who.
- 3. I have already discussed the topic with my students. Transform: what.
- 4. He has already talked to the teacher. Repeat.
- 5. He has already talked to the teacher. Transform: who.
- 6. He has already passed the test. Repeat.
- 7. He has already passed the test. Transform: who.
- 8. He has already passed the test. Transform: what.
- 9. I have already watched a movie this month. Repeat.
- 10. I have already watched a movie this month. Transform: who.
- 11. I have already watched a movie this month. Transform: what.

# Question and Answer with Prompt Drill

Listen to the teacher and complete the answers.

- 1. Has he already passed the test? Yes, he has ...
- 2. Has she already gone home? Yes, she has ...
- 3. Have I already discussed the topic with my students? Yes, you have already ...
- 4. Have you already cleaned the house? Yes, I have already ...
- 5. Have they already cooked dinner for the family? Yes, they have ...

## **Question and Answer Drill**

Listen and answer the questions in complete sentences.

- 1. Has he already passed the test?
- 2. Has she already gone home?
- 3. Have I discussed the topic with my students?
- 4. Have you already cleaned the house?
- 5. Have they already cooked dinner for the family?

#### **Open Questions Exercise**

Listen and answer the questions in complete sentences.

- 1. Have you already eaten?
- 2. What have you eaten for?
- 3. Have you already studied about the present perfect tense?
- 4. What have you learned about it?
- 5. Have you already watched a movie this month?
- 6. What movie have you already watched this month?



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Talking About Past Experience -

# PRESENT PERFECT

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We use the present perfect when talking about past experience. For example, "I have been to America",

"She has been to Japan", etc. We can also use "already" with the present perfect to talk about past experience.

For example, "I have already been to America", "She has already been to Japan", etc.

# **Repetition Drill**

Listen to the teacher and repeat the sentences.

- 1. I have visited America.
- 2. She has already been to England.
- 3. He has been to Paris.
- 4. They have visited the Philippines.
- 5. You have already been to other places.
- 6. I haven't been to China.
- 7. She hasn't visited South Korea.
- 8. I have eaten chocolate.

- 1. I have visited America.
- 2. I have already visited America.
- 3. I have already visited America with my family.
- 4. I have already visited America with my family and friends.

#### **Intermediate Sentence Expansion Drill**

Listen to the teacher and follow the instructions.

- 1. I have visited America. Repeat.
- 2. I have visited America. Add: with my family.
- 3. I have visited America with my family. Add: friends.
- 4. I have visited America with my family and friends. Add: already.

- 1. She has been to England. Repeat.
- 2. She has been to England. Add: already.
- 3. She has already been to England. Change: I.
- 4. I have already been to England. Change: they.
- 5. They have already been to England. Change: my parents.
- 6. My parents have already been to England. Change: visited.
- 7. My parents have already visited England. Change: friend.
- 8. My friend has already visited England. Add: and I.

#### **Intermediate Single-slot Substitution Drill**

Listen to the teacher and follow the instructions.

- 1. She has been to Japan. Repeat.
- 2. She has been to Japan. Change: South Korea.
- 3. She has been to South Korea. Change: they.
- 4. They have been to South Korea. Change: China.
- 5. They have been to China. Change: America.
- 6. They have been to America. Change: England.
- 7. They have been to England. Change: visited.
- 8. They have visited England. Change: we.
- 9. We have visited England. Change: not.
- 10. We haven't visited England. Change: Brazil.

- 1. I have been to other places. Repeat.
- 2. I have been to other places. Transform: who.
- 4. I have been to other places. Change: she.
- 5. She has been to other places. Change: they.
- 6. They have been to other places. Change: England.
- 7. They have been to England. Change: visited.
- 8. They have visited England. Transform: where.
- 9. They have visited England. Transform: who.
- 10. They have visited England. Change: I.
- 11. I have visited England. Add: family.
- 12. My family and I have visited England. Change: America.

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#### **Open Questions Exercise**

Ask the teacher the following questions.

- 1. Have you been to America?
- 2. Have you visited Japan?
- 3. What other places have you been to?
- 4. What places have you visited with your family?

- 1. Have you been to England?
- 2. Have you visited the Philippines?
- 3. What other places have you been to?
- 4. What places have you visited with your friends?

Please refer to the definition file.

R.E.M.S METHOD K3

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- 1. The teacher arranged the chairs in the room.
- 2. The arrangement of the chairs is nice.
- 3. They examined the papers and stamped them.
- 4. The noun of the verb "examine" is "examination".
- 5. She attended the meeting last week.
- 6. My father calculated the cost of the food.
- 7. His calculation was correct.
- 8. Her family purchased a car last year.
- 9. The woman opened her bag and looked at her purchases.
- 10. I introduced myself at the beginning of the lesson.
- ${\bf 11.}\ The\ professor\ introduced\ me\ to\ the\ students.$
- 12. The introduction was short and simple.

- 1. I attended a meeting yesterday. Repeat.
- 2. I attended a meeting yesterday. Change: professor.
- 3. The professor attended a meeting yesterday. Change: teacher.
- 4. The teacher attended a meeting yesterday. Change: conference.
- 5. The teacher attended a conference yesterday. Change: mall owner.
- 6. The mall owner attended a conference yesterday. Change: woman.

- 1. The student bought some pens and pencils. Repeat.
- 2. The student bought some pens and pencils. Change: purchased.
- 3. The student purchased some pens and pencils. Add: calculated the cost.
- 4. The student purchased some pens and pencils and calculated the cost. Change: girl.
- 5. The girl purchased some pens and pencils and calculated the cost. Change: mother.
- 6. The mother purchased some pens and pencils and calculated the cost. Change: my.

#### Transformation Drill

Listen to the teacher and follow the instructions.

- 1. The professor introduced him to the students. Repeat.
- 2. The professor introduced him to the students. Transform: who.
- 3. I introduced myself to you at the beginning of the lesson. Repeat.
- 4. I introduced myself to you at the beginning of the lesson. Transform: when.
- 5. The teacher's introduction of the lesson was short and simple. Repeat.
- 6. The teacher's introduction of the lesson was short and simple. Transform: whose.

- 7. She purchased some books, some pens and a bag last week. Repeat.
- 8. She purchased some books, some pens and a bag last week. Transform: what.
- 9. Her purchases are pens, books and a bag. Repeat.
- 10. Her purchases are pens, books and a bag. Transform: what.
- 11. He purchased a car last year. Repeat.
- 12. He purchased a car last year. Transform: who.
- 13. He purchased a car last year. Transform: when.

## Intermediate Single-slot Substitution Drill

Listen to the teacher and follow the instructions.

- 1. The arrangement of the chairs is nice. Repeat.
- 2. The arrangement of the chairs is nice. Change: flowers.
- 3. The arrangement of the flowers is nice. Change: books.
- 4. The arrangement of the books is nice. Change: good.
- 5. The arrangement of the books is good. Change: lessons.
- 6. The arrangement of the lessons is good. Change: right.

#### **Question and Answer with Prompt Drill**

Listen to the teacher and complete the answers.

- 1. What's the noun of the verb "examine"? The noun of the verb ...
- 2. Do doctors examine sick people? Yes, doctors ...
- 3. Do teachers give examinations to students? Yes, teachers ...
- 4. Did your teacher give you an examination yesterday? No, my teacher ...
- 5. Did the students arrange the chairs in the room? Yes, the students ...
- 6. What's the noun of the verb "arrange"? The noun of the verb ...

## Question and Answer with Prompt Drill

Listen to the teacher and complete the answers.

- 7. Is the flower arrangement nice? Yes, ...
- 8. Do you calculate the price of things? Yes, I calculate ...
- 9. What's the noun of the verb "calculate"? The noun of ...
- 10. Is your calculation correct? Yes, ...
- 11. Did I introduce myself at the beginning of the lesson? Yes, you introduced ...
- 12. What's the noun of the verb "introduce"? The noun of ...

## **Question and Answer Drill**

Listen and answer the questions in complete sentences.

- 1. What's the noun of the verb "examine"?
- 2. Do doctors examine sick people?
- 3. Do teachers give examinations to students?
- 4. Did your teacher give you an examination yesterday?
- 5. Did the students arrange the chairs in the room?
- 6. What's the noun of the verb "arrange"?

#### **Question and Answer Drill**

Listen and answer the questions in complete sentences.

- 7. Is the flower arrangement nice?
- 8. Do you calculate the price of things?
- 9. What's the noun of the verb "calculate"?
- 10. Is your calculation correct?
- 11. Did I introduce myself at the beginning of the lesson?
- 12. What's the noun of the verb "introduce"?

R.E.M.S METHOD EXERCISE K3.8

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#### **Freer Exercise**

Use the following words to make sentences.

1. examination 5. attend

2. arrange 6. purchase (n)

3. arrangement 7. calculate

4. purchase (v)



- 1. I have already discussed the topic with my students.
- 2. She has already cooked dinner for the family.
- 3. He has already talked to the teacher.
- 4. They have already studied the lesson.
- 5. John has already left home.
- 6. I have already watched a movie this month.



- 1. The teacher arranged the chairs in the room.
- 2. The arrangement of the chairs is nice.
- 3. They examined the papers and stamped them.
- 4. The noun of the verb "examine" is "examination".
- 5. She attended the meeting last week.



- 6. My father calculated the cost of the food.
- 7. His calculation was correct.
- 8. Her family purchased a car last year.
- 9. The woman opened her bag and looked at her purchases.
- 10. I introduced myself at the beginning of the lesson.



- 1. I have visited America.
- 2. I have already visited America.
- 3. I have already visited America with my family.
- 4. I have already visited America with my family and friends.

- 1. I have visited America.
- 2. She has already been to England.
- 3. He has been to Paris.
- 4. They have visited the Philippines.
- 5. You have already been to other places.
- 6. I haven't been to China.
- 7. She hasn't visited South Korea.
- 8. I have eaten chocolate.

- 1. I have visited America. Repeat.
- 2. I have visited America. Add: with my family.
- 3. I have visited America with my family. Add: friends.
- 4. I have visited America with my family and friends. Add: already.

- 1. I have discussed the topic with my students. Repeat.
- 2. I have discussed the topic with my students. Add: already.
- 3. I have already discussed the topic with my students. Change: friend.
- 4. I have already discussed the topic with my friend. Change: father.
- 5. I have already discussed the topic with my father. Change: they.

- 1. She cooked dinner for the family. Repeat.
- 2. She cooked dinner for the family. Add: has.
- 3. She has cooked dinner for the family. Add: already.
- 4. She has already cooked dinner for the family. Change: he.
- 5. He has already cooked dinner for the family. Change: I.
- 6. I have already cooked dinner for the family. Change: breakfast.
- 7. I have already cooked breakfast for the family. Change: she.

# R.E.M.S METHOD REV1.8

# Intermediate Single-slot Substitution Drill

Listen to the teacher and follow the instructions.

- 1. She has been to Japan. Repeat.
- 2. She has been to Japan. Change: South Korea.
- 3. She has been to South Korea. Change: they.
- 4. They have been to South Korea. Change: China.
- 5. They have been to China. Change: America.
- 6. They have been to America. Change: England.
- 7. They have been to England. Change: visited.
- 8. They have visited England. Change: we.
- 9. We have visited England. Change: not.
- 10. We haven't visited England. Change: Brazil.

- 1. I attended a meeting yesterday. Repeat.
- 2. I attended a meeting yesterday. Change: professor.
- 3. The professor attended a meeting yesterday. Change: teacher.
- 4. The teacher attended a meeting yesterday. Change: conference.
- 5. The teacher attended a conference yesterday. Change: mall owner.
- 6. The mall owner attended a conference yesterday. Change: woman.

- 1. The student bought some pens and pencils. Repeat.
- 2. The student bought some pens and pencils. Change: purchased.
- 3. The student purchased some pens and pencils. Add: calculated the cost.
- 4. The student purchased some pens and pencils and calculated the cost. Change: girl.
- 5. The girl purchased some pens and pencils and calculated the cost. Change: mother.
- 6. The mother purchased some pens and pencils and calculated the cost. Change: my.

Listen to the teacher and follow the instructions.

- 1. The professor introduced him to the students. Repeat.
- 2. The professor introduced him to the students. Transform: who.
- 3. I introduced myself to you at the beginning of the lesson. Repeat.
- 4. I introduced myself to you at the beginning of the lesson. Transform: when.
- 5. The teacher's introduction of the lesson was short and simple. Repeat.
- 6. The teacher's introduction of the lesson was short and simple. Transform: whose.

- 7. She purchased some books, some pens and a bag last week. Repeat.
- 8. She purchased some books, some pens and a bag last week. Transform: what.
- 9. Her purchases are pens, books and a bag. Repeat.
- 10. Her purchases are pens, books and a bag. Transform: what.
- 11. He purchased a car last year. Repeat.
- 12. He purchased a car last year. Transform: who.
- 13. He purchased a car last year. Transform: when.

Listen to the teacher and follow the instructions.

- 1. I have already discussed the topic with my students. Repeat.
- 2. I have already discussed the topic with my students. Transform: who.
- 3. I have already discussed the topic with my students. Transform: what.
- 4. He has already talked to the teacher. Repeat.
- 5. He has already talked to the teacher. Transform: who.
- 6. He has already passed the test. Repeat.
- 7. He has already passed the test. Transform: who.
- 8. He has already passed the test. Transform: what.
- 9. I have already watched a movie this month. Repeat.
- 10. I have already watched a movie this month. Transform: who.
- 11. I have already watched a movie this month. Transform: what.

- 1. Has he already passed the test? Yes, he has ...
- 2. Has she already gone home? Yes, she has ...
- 3. Have I discussed the topic with my students? ... Yes, you've already
- 4. Have you already cleaned the house? Yes, I have already ...
- 5. Have they already cooked dinner for the family? Yes, they have ...

- 1. Have you been to England?
- 2. Have you visited the Philippines?
- 3. What other places have you been to?
- 4. What places have you visited with your friends?

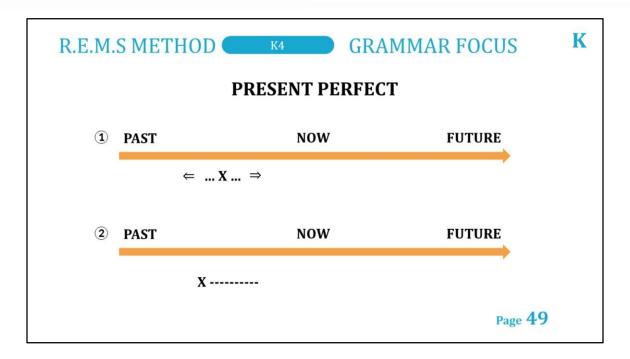
- 1. I have already visited America with my family and friends.
- 2. My father calculated the cost of the food.
- 3. The woman opened her bag and looked at her purchases.
- 4. The arrangement of the chairs is nice.
- 5. The professor introduced me to the students.
- 6. The mall owner attended a conference yesterday.
- 7. The girl purchased some pens and pencils and calculated the cost.

Talking About Past Events 4 -

# PRESENT PERFECT VS **PAST SIMPLE**

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The present perfect and past simple can both refer to past events or actions, but the difference between them is important.



1. To refer to past experiences, or to talk about past experiences but without referring to a specific time.

#### **Examples:**

Jane has visited America. = Jane has the experience of visiting America in the past but we don't know when.

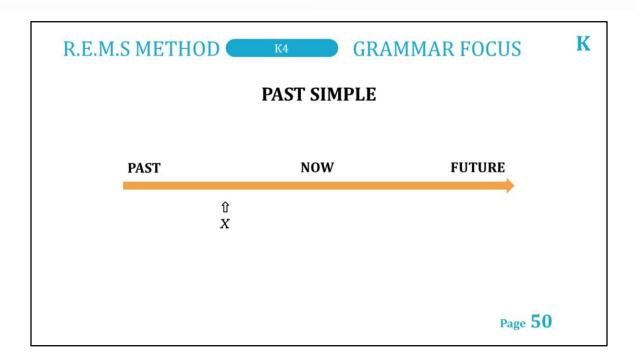
Fred has studied Korean.

2. To refer to past events or actions very relevant to the present. These past events or actions are almost always in the recent past, and very often occurred earlier in the same day.

#### **Examples:**

We have already eaten breakfast. = we have eaten breakfast today/very recently.

The boy has finished his homework. = the boy has his homework today/very recently.



#### **Examples:**

Jane visited America in 1999. = Jane visited America and we know when.

Fred studied Korean last month. = Fred studied Korean and we know when.

We ate breakfast this morning. = we ate breakfast and the exact past time is expressed.

The boy finished his homework on Monday. = the boy finished his homework at a specific past time.

- 1. I went home early last Monday.
- 2. I saw my friend yesterday.
- 3. I have seen him this week.
- 4. I have already eaten breakfast today.
- 5. The teacher gave him a good comment about his speech.
- 6. My sister did her homework last night.
- 7. Their manager has been to America.
- 8. Their manager went to America on the 22nd of September.
- 9. His friend has visited South Korea.
- 10. His friend visited South Korea last month.

Listen to the teacher and follow the instructions.

- 1. I went home early last Monday. Repeat.
- 2. I went home early last Monday. Transform: who.
- 3. I went home early last Monday. Transform: when.
- 4. Their manager has been to America. Repeat.
- 5. Their manager has been to America. Transform: where.
- 6. Their manager has been to America. Transform: who.
- 7. Their manager went to America last year. Repeat.
- 8. Their manager went to America last year. Transform: when.
- 9. Their manager went to America last year. Transform: who.
- 10. Their manager went to America last year. Transform: where.

- 1. My friend visited Japan. Repeat.
- 2. My friend visited Japan. Add: I.
- 3. My friend and I visited Japan. Add: last year.
- 4. My friend and I visited Japan last year. Add: South Korea.
- 5. My friend and I visited Japan and South Korea last year. Add: China.

- 1. My friend has been to England. Repeat.
- 2. My friend has been to England. Add: I.
- 3. My friend and I have been to England. Change: visited.
- 4. My friend and I have visited England. Add: last year.
- 5. My friend and I visited England last year. Change: America.
- 6. My friend and I visited America last year. Add: Japan.

## Correct or Incorrect Exercise

Listen and tell whether the sentence is correct or incorrect.

- 1. I went to my friend's house yesterday.
- 2. I have been to England last year.
- 3. They have visited Brazil last month.
- 4. They have visited England.
- 5. His parents have been to South Korea for their business.
- 6. The company owner has been to England.
- 7. The professor went to America last month.
- 8. He has bought a mobile phone last week.
- 9. I have already ate lunch.
- 10. I have already eaten lunch.
- 11. She has been to other places.
- 12. She has been to other places last year.

# Question and Answer with Prompt Drill

Listen to the teacher and complete the answers.

- 1. Have you eaten breakfast? Yes, I have ...
- 2. Have you been to other countries? Yes, I have ...
- 3. Did you study English last week? Yes, I studied ...-
- 4. Did you go to your friend's house in the past? Yes, I went ...
- 5. Have you been to your friend's house? Yes, I have ...
- 6. Has she been to China? No, she ...
- 7. Has he visited the Philippines? No, he has ...

# **Question and Answer Drill**

Listen and answer the questions in complete sentences.

- 1. Have you eaten breakfast?
- 2. Have you been to other countries?
- 3. Did you study English last week?
- 4. Did you go to your friend's house in the past?
- 5. Have you been to your friend's house?
- 6. Has she been to China?
- 7. Has he visited the Philippines?

Please refer to the definition file.



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- 1. The student complained to the teacher about her grade.
- 2. The manager confirmed the meeting tomorrow.
- 3. The teacher emphasized the word "exam".
- 4. The teacher gave emphasis on the word "exam".
- 5. She is one of my contacts.
- 6. My father contacted his friend last night.
- 7. My friend did not do the crime; he denied it.

- 8. He gave the police his explanation.
- 9. The man reported the crime.
- 10. Her sisters argued with each other.
- 11. They had an argument about something.
- 12. The teacher's explanation was simple and clear.
- ${\bf 13.\ I\ chatted\ with\ my\ friend\ yesterday}.$

Listen to the teacher and follow the instructions.

- 1. The teacher emphasized the word "exam". Repeat.
- 2.The teacher emphasized the word "exam". Transform: who.
- 3. The teacher emphasized the word "exam". Transform: what.
- 4. The teacher gave emphasis on the word "exam". Repeat.
- 5. The teacher gave emphasis on the word "exam". Transform: what.
- 6. The teacher gave emphasis on the word "exam". Transform: who.
- 7. The student complained to the teacher about her grade. Repeat.
- 8. The student complained to the teacher about her grade. Transform: who.
- 9. The student complained to the teacher about her grade. Transform: what.

- 10. The manager confirmed the meeting tomorrow. Repeat.
- 11. The manager confirmed the meeting tomorrow. Transform: who.
- 12. The manager confirmed the meeting tomorrow. Transform: what.
- 13. Her sisters argued with each other yesterday. Repeat.
- 14. Her sisters argued with each other yesterday. Transform: who.
- 15. Her sisters argued with each other yesterday. Transform: when.
- 16. Her sisters argued with each other yesterday. Transform: what.
- 17. They had an argument about the lesson. Repeat.
- 18. They had an argument about the lesson. Transform: who.
- 19. They had an argument about the lesson. Transform: what.

- 1. My friend did not do the crime. Repeat.
- 2. My friend did not do the crime. Change: professor.
- 3. My professor did not do the crime. Change: brother.
- 4. My brother did not do the crime. Add: he denied it.
- 5. My brother did not do the crime; he denied it. Change: sister.
- 6. My sister did not do the crime; she denied it. Change: friends.

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- 1. The teacher's explanation was simple and clear. Repeat.
- 2. The teacher's explanation was simple and clear. Change: my.
- 3. My teacher's explanation was simple and clear. Change: mother.
- 4. My mother's explanation was simple and clear. Change: cousin.
- 5. My cousin's explanation was simple and clear. Change: manager.
- 6. My manager's explanation was simple and clear. Change: his.

- 1. The man reported the crime. Repeat.
- 2. The man reported the crime. Change: woman.
- 4. The customer reported the crime. Change: singer.
- 5. The singer reported the crime. Add: to the police.
- 6. The singer reported the crime to the police. Change: professor.

- 1. I chatted with my friend yesterday. Repeat.
- 2. I chatted with my friend yesterday. Transform: who.
- 3. I chatted with my friend yesterday. Transform: when.
- 4. She chats with her mother every day. Repeat.
- 5. She chats with her mother every day. Transform: who.
- 6. She chats with her mother every day. Transform: when.
- 7. My father contacted his friend last night. Repeat.
- 8. My father contacted his friend last night. Transform: when.
- 9. My father contacted his friend last night. Transform: who.
- 10. We'll contact him by telephone. Repeat.
- 11. We'll contact him by telephone. Transform: who.

- 1. She is one of my contacts. Repeat.
- 2. She is one of my contacts. Change: he.
- 3. He is one of my contacts. Add: phone.
- 4. He is one of my phone contacts. Add: mobile.
- 5. He is one of my mobile phone contacts. Transform: who.
- 6. I'll add him to my contacts. Repeat.
- 7. I'll add him to my contacts. Change: them.
- 8. I'll add them to my contacts. Change: you.