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Antecedents and Pronouns Notes

Antecedent: the word(s) to which a pronoun refers.

- Should be clear
- Should agree/match the pronoun in:
 - Gender
 - Number

Circle the antecedent(s) to which each underlined pronoun refers and draw an arrow to it.

Hubert dropped his eraser in the hallway, and it bounced away. It bounced down the sloped floor and into the middle of a group of students. They laughed, picked it up, and gave it back to him. One girl, Sharon, said, "Is it yours?" He said, "Yes, it is mine. I cannot believe I dropped my eraser." Hubert walked back to his classroom, embarrassed by his interaction with her.

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Kim looked as though she had seen a ghost. She must have been very scared.

We ran into Tim at the mall. He was in a hurry.

I saw the car accident. It seemed to happen in slow motion.

Our tour guide showed us his favorite sights. He took us to many great places.

The potholes in the road made our trip a bumpy ride. They made the car shake.

Olivia gave the book to Steve. She gave it to him as a present.

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Write the correct pronoun to complete each sentence. Circle the antecedent of each.

A great inventor of _____ time, Thomas Edison had little formal education.

Workers pooled _____ skills in Edison's workshops.

The kinetoscope was important. _____ advanced motion pictures.

Edison's workshops were located in New Jersey. _____ were the forerunners of modern research labs.

Alexander Graham Bell and Thomas Watson worked hard building _____ first telephone.

The telephone was nearly completed in 1875, but _____ transmitted only sounds, not words.

The telephone transmitted _____ first clear words in 1876.

Bell and Watson finally had _____ first long-distance telephone conversation.

Although _____ did not participate in the telephone business, Bell was often called upon to appear in court.

Some people claimed that _____ had invented the telephone before Bell did.

Bell testified that _____ was the real inventor.