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Pronouns

1

Pronouns are used in place of nouns. Pronouns can be singular or plural.

I you he she it they we me him her them us

Lydia is in fifth grade. **She** is in our class.

David is in our class. **He** is in fifth grade.

Lydia and David are new students. **They** are both friendly.

Jenny and I sit next to **Lydia and David**. **We** like them.

Underline the pronoun in each pair of sentences. On the line, write the noun that the pronoun replaced.

1. The bus is coming. It is late. _____
2. Mr. Jefferson is the driver. He is usually on time. _____
3. Isaiah and Felicia are laughing. They love a joke. _____
4. Carmen is laughing. She is usually reading quietly. _____
5. Tony sits next to Carlos. Tony is grinning at him. _____
6. Carlos is looking at Rosa. Carlos is smiling at her. _____
7. Why are the kids laughing? What happened to them? _____
8. My brother and I want to know. We missed something! _____
9. Tony tells my brother and me. Tony looks at us. _____
10. My brother and I grin. We laugh, too. _____

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Pronouns are used in place of nouns. Use pronouns to avoid repeating names, words in a sentence, or words in a group of sentences.

I me you he she him her it they them we us

Josh knows there is a fire siren blaring because **Josh** can hear **the siren**.

Josh knows there is a fire siren blaring because **he** can hear **it**.

The fire was put out quickly. It was in an empty lot. Fortunately, **it** did not spread.

Read the paragraphs. Write the correct pronouns above the underlined words.

The firefighters are visiting our school today. The firefighters are bringing one of their big trucks. The truck has a tall ladder on the truck. Jamal says Jamal would like to climb the ladder. Dora will, too, if Dora gets the chance. Jamal and Dora both like high places. Trang and I have decided that Trang and I are not like Jamal and Dora. Trang and I like to stay on the ground!

The firefighters discuss fire safety. The firefighters asked Jamal, Dora, Trang, and me some questions. Jamal is always the first to answer. Fire safety is important to Jamal. There was a fire in the apartment building where Jamal lives. The fire started in the kitchen of a neighbor, Mrs. Chan. Mrs. Chan had some papers too close to the stove. The papers caught fire. Everyone got out safely, including Mrs. Chan. Now Jamal is an expert on fire safety. Jamal told Dora, Trang, and me that Dora, Trang, and I should be, too!

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The antecedent is the noun or nouns that the pronoun refers to or replaces.

Elizabeth wants to babysit, but she is too young.
Antecedent Pronoun

- The antecedent can be in a different sentence.

Tom would like to do yardwork. He should ask if anyone needs help.
Antecedent Pronoun

- Make sure that the pronoun agrees with the antecedent in gender (male or female) and number (singular or plural).

Mr. Perez will hire **the children**. **He** will ask **them** to start work tomorrow.

Complete each sentence with the correct pronoun to match the underlined antecedent.

1. Dr. Marcia Goodfriend is the local veterinarian. _____ needs an assistant.
2. It would be interesting to work with animals and help _____ get well.
3. Veterinarians need lots of experience. _____ have patients that can't talk to _____.
4. Everyone calls her Dr. Marcia. _____ lets me call _____ that, too.
5. My dog Max is a new patient of Dr. Goodfriend. _____ is a good boy.
6. My mother was afraid Max would make a mess, but _____ is very pleased.
7. Max behaves better than other puppies. _____ can get into a lot of trouble.
8. Dr. Marcia says Max and I are a good pair, and _____ are lucky to have each other!

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The antecedent is the noun or nouns the pronoun refers to or replaces.

If a pronoun can refer to more than one noun, the antecedent may be unclear. When this happens, rewrite the sentence to fix the unclear antecedent.

Unclear The boys have plans for vacation, and **they** are ready.

Explanation It is not clear whether *they* refers to *the boys* or *plans*.

Clear **The boys** are ready for vacation. **They** have plans.

Explain why each sentence is unclear. Rewrite each sentence correctly.

1. The friends are renting sailboats, and they are fast.

Explanation: _____

Rewrite: _____

2. There are sharks around, and now they can't go in the water!

Explanation: _____

Rewrite: _____

A singular pronoun takes the place of one person, place, thing, or idea.

I you he she it me him her

My mother is a pilot.

My father is a pilot.

She is a pilot.

He is a pilot.

The airport is nearby.

Flying is fun.

It is nearby.

It is fun.

Circle the singular pronouns that can replace the underlined words.

1. Daphne is flying on the airplane.

(She, You)

(him, it)

2. California is a long way for Daphne to travel alone.

(She, It)

(she, her)

3. This flight is the first one for Daphne.

(It, Him)

(she, her)

4. Daphne asked Dwayne, "Can Daphne visit Dwayne during the flight?"

(she, I)

(I, you)

5. Why isn't Dwayne sitting with Daphne?

(him, he)

(she, her)

6. Dwayne is flying the plane!

(He, Him)

(he, it)

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A plural pronoun takes the place of more than one person, place, thing, or idea.

they we them us you

The computers are working.

They are working.

Michael and I are doing research.

We are doing research.

Maria and you will be next.

You will be next.

Finding **facts** takes time.

Finding **them** takes time.

Replace each underlined noun with the correct plural pronoun.
Write the pronoun on the line.

1. Our teachers are planning a science competition.

_____ are planning a science competition.

2. Our class will challenge other classes.

_____ will challenge _____.

3. I hope I can be on a team with Lee and Bena.

I hope I can be on a team with _____.

4. Adrianne and Lian would also make good partners for Lee and me.

_____ would also make good partners for _____.

5. If you and Bena work together, our teams can share ideas.

If _____ work together, _____ can share ideas.

6. The teachers suggested a building competition for our classes.

_____ suggested a building competition for _____.