

Pronoun-Antecedent Agreement B

- 17q.** Use a singular pronoun to refer to *anybody, anyone, anything, each, either, everybody, everyone, everything, neither, nobody, no one, nothing, one, somebody, someone, or something*.
- 17r.** Use a plural pronoun to refer to *both, few, many, or several*.
- 17s.** The indefinite pronouns *all, any, more, most, none, and some* may be singular or plural, depending on how they are used in a sentence.

EXAMPLES **Everybody** in the group wanted **his or her** own map.
Few of the photographers developed **their** own film.
Some of the bread **was** eaten, and **some** of the bananas **were** eaten, too.

EXERCISE Underline the pronoun or pronouns in parentheses that correctly complete each sentence.

Example 1. During a fire drill, no one is allowed to remain in (*their, his or her*) classroom.

- Many of the mice are sleeping in (*their, its*) cage.
- Someone with muddy shoes didn't wipe (*his or her, their*) feet on the mat.
- At my grandmother's deli, few ordered the daily special for (*his or her, their*) meal.
- Any of the jewelry found should be returned to (*its, their*) owner.
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- Everything in the rooms was in (*their, its*) proper place.
- Most of the desks have had (*their, its*) wooden surfaces revarnished.
- Both of my sisters are successful in (*her, their*) careers.
- Each of the teachers voted for (*his or her, their*) choice for student council.
- Contrary to expectation, none of the treasure was worth (*their, its*) weight in gold.
- This year most of the girls are bringing (*her, their*) lunch from home.
- All of the boys helped clean (*his, their*) locker room.
- In my opinion, either of the candidates would represent (*their, his or her*) district well.
- Several of the chess players displayed (*their, his or her*) trophies in the case at school.
- Is anybody finished with (*their, his or her*) assignment yet?
- Anyone would enjoy riding (*their, his or her*) bike on a beautiful day like today.
- None of the children could fit into (*their, his or her*) coats this year.
- Both of the girls needed new shoes for (*her, their*) PE classes.
- All of my family wants to eat dinner at (*our, its*) grandparents' house.
- When the sun rose, several of the hikers packed (*his or her, their*) gear and started up the trail.

Subject-Verb Agreement K, p. 154**EXERCISE A**

1. Snow (*don't*, *doesn't*) fall in the tropics, except at high elevations.
2. Hurricanes (*don't*, *doesn't*) travel very far inland.
3. (*Don't*, *Doesn't*) tornadoes look like funnel-shaped clouds?
4. You (*don't*, *doesn't*) want to get near a tornado.
5. A rainbow usually (*don't*, *doesn't*) appear on a bright, sunny day.
6. (*Don't*, *Doesn't*) rainbows form from the reflection of light in rain or fog?
7. It (*don't*, *doesn't*) rain much in the Atacama Desert in Chile.
8. Without lightning, thunder (*don't*, *doesn't*) occur.
9. (*Don't*, *Doesn't*) sleet form from frozen rain?
10. I (*don't*, *doesn't*) enjoy shoveling the walks after a snowstorm.

EXERCISE B

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| 11. lockers | 13. you | 15. plants |
| 12. dog | 14. he | |

Pronoun-Antecedent Agreement A, p. 155**EXERCISE A**

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| 1. his | 6. their |
| 2. her | 7. their |
| 3. their | 8. their |
| 4. themselves | 9. itself |
| 5. their | 10. its |

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11. their
12. its [*or his or her*]
13. their
14. her
15. himself [*or us or them or her or him or you*]

Pronoun-Antecedent Agreement B, p. 156**EXERCISE**

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| 1. their | 11. their |
| 2. his or her | 12. their |
| 3. their | 13. his or her |
| 4. its | 14. their |
| 5. their | 15. his or her |
| 6. its | 16. his or her |
| 7. their | 17. their |
| 8. their | 18. their |
| 9. his or her | 19. our |
| 10. its | 20. their |

Pronoun-Antecedent Agreement C, p. 157**EXERCISE A**

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| 1. their | 6. they |
| 2. her | 7. its |
| 3. their | 8. their |
| 4. his | 9. her |
| 5. his or her | 10. his or her |

EXERCISE B*Pronouns may vary.*

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| 11. their | 13. they | 15. they |
| 12. his or her | 14. her | |

Pronoun-Antecedent Agreement D, p. 158**EXERCISE A**

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| 1. their [<i>or its</i>] | 6. its |
| 2. their | 7. themselves |
| 3. its | 8. their |
| 4. themselves | 9. their |
| 5. their | 10. themselves |

EXERCISE B*Answers may vary slightly.*

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| 11. its | 14. their |
| 12. their | 15. themselves |
| 13. their [<i>or its</i>] | |