

Pronoun-Antecedent Agreement C

17t. Use a singular pronoun to refer to two or more singular antecedents joined by *or* or *nor*.

EXAMPLE **Bill or Buddy** will lend **his** microscope to the class.

17u. Use a plural pronoun to refer to two or more antecedents joined by *and*.

EXAMPLE **Bill and Buddy** will lend **their** microscope to the class.

EXERCISE A In each sentence, underline the pronoun or pair of pronouns in parentheses that agrees in number and gender with its antecedent.

Example 1. Neither Mr. Smith nor Ms. Macelli reached (*their, his or her*) classroom on time.

1. Ants and flies found (*its, their*) way to our picnic.
2. Either Shari or April will give (*their, her*) oral report next.
3. Both Shelley and Stella promised to bring (*her, their*) cameras.
4. Did Martin or Jorge volunteer (*their, his*) time to the tutoring program?
5. Neither Paul nor Bonnie was surprised by (*their, his or her*) exam grades.
6. Mom and Dad called and said (*he, they*) are picking up pizza for us.
7. A squirrel or a bird must have found (*its, their*) way into my berry patch.
8. The band members and the fans cheered (*his or her, their*) team.
9. Will Thea or Sandra bring (*their, her*) flute?
10. Neither Jared nor Jill wants (*their, his or her*) picture on the poster.

EXERCISE B On each of the lines provided, write a pronoun or a pair of pronouns that will correctly complete the sentence.

Example 1. Either Grandma or Mom will loan _____ *her* _____ coat to me.

11. Patricia and Parker took _____ younger brother to the park.
12. Neither Cheryl nor Gary finished _____ sculpture.
13. Monty and Ty promised that _____ would lead the discussion.
14. Natalie or Tabitha will tell _____ concerns to the principal.
15. Leo and Penny said that _____ will be here by noon.

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

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

EXERCISE B

- their
- its [*or his or her*]
- their
- her
- 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>] | |