
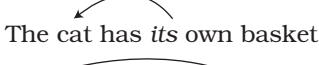
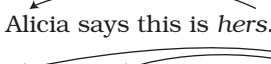
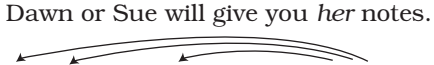
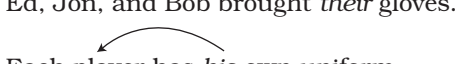
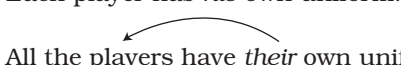
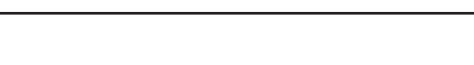


25.2

Pronoun and Antecedent Agreement

(Between Personal Pronouns and Antecedents) • Practice 1

Agreement Between Personal Pronouns and Antecedents A personal pronoun must agree with its antecedent in person, number, and gender. Use a singular personal pronoun with two or more singular antecedents joined by *or* or *nor*. Use a plural personal pronoun with two or more antecedents joined by *and*. When gender is not specified, use the masculine or rewrite the sentence.

PRONOUN-ANTECEDENT AGREEMENT
 <p>My uncle likes <i>his</i> new job.</p>
 <p>The cat has <i>its</i> own basket.</p>
 <p>Alicia says this is <i>hers</i>.</p>
 <p>Dawn or Sue will give you <i>her</i> notes.</p>
 <p>Ed, Jon, and Bob brought <i>their</i> gloves.</p>
 <p>Each player has <i>his</i> own uniform.</p>
 <p>All the players have <i>their</i> own uniforms.</p>

Exercise 1 **Choosing Personal Pronouns to Agree With Antecedents.** Assume that each item below is an antecedent for a personal pronoun. After each, write *his*, *her*, *its*, or *their* to show which pronoun you would use.

- EXAMPLE:** Eloise or Mary her
1. several students _____
 2. the toy train _____
 3. either Kevin or Bruce _____
 4. Lucy, Cindy, or Karen _____
 5. only one girl _____
 6. Paul and Harry _____
 7. each boy _____
 8. many inventions _____
 9. our neighbor's dog _____
 10. the famous actress _____

Exercise 2 **Pronoun-Antecedent Agreement in Sentences.** Write an appropriate personal pronoun to complete each sentence.

- EXAMPLE:** My sister and I visited our grandparents last weekend.
1. Henry called loudly from the cave, but no one heard _____.
 2. The second-hand table has only a few scratches on _____ surface.
 3. Neither Linda nor Carol had a pencil with _____.
 4. The mayor and the city council announced _____ new proposal.
 5. Grandpa likes to have us visit _____.