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# ELA-E-12 Pronoun Agreement

## Lesson 12

## Pronoun-Antecedent Agreement

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**Pronouns** are words that take the place of nouns or other pronouns. The word to which the pronoun refers is called the **antecedent**. **Pronoun-antecedent agreement** means that the pronouns and their antecedents agree in two ways:

- in gender (masculine, feminine, neuter)
  - *He, him, and his* are masculine and refer to males.
  - *She, her, and hers* are feminine and refer to females.
  - *It and its* are neuter and do not have gender. They refer to things.
- in number

Singular	Plural
I, me, my, myself, mine	we, us, our, ourselves, ours
you, your, yourself, yours	you, your, yourselves, yours
she, her, herself, hers, he, him, himself, his, it, itself, its	they, them, themselves, their, theirs

### Examples

My aunt was sitting at a table, where she was peeling potatoes. (The pronoun *she* refers to the antecedent *aunt*. *Aunt* is a feminine and singular noun, so the pronoun is singular and feminine.)

My aunt and uncle were sitting at a table, where they were peeling potatoes. (The pronoun *they* refers to the antecedent *aunt and uncle*. The antecedent is plural, so the pronoun is plural.)

That book belongs to James. It is his favorite. (The pronoun *It* refers to the antecedent *book*. *Book* is neuter and singular. The pronoun *his* refers to the antecedent *James*. *James* is singular and masculine, so the pronoun is singular and masculine.)

I myself will deliver the flowers. (The pronoun *myself* refers to the antecedent *I*. *I* is singular, so the pronoun is singular.)

### Test Example

1. Read the sentence.

My mother was happy because \_\_\_\_\_ got to see her grandchildren.

Which of these correctly completes the sentence and agrees with the underlined antecedent?

- A. she
- B. they
- C. he
- D. it

A. *Mother* is singular and feminine. The pronoun *she* agrees with *mother*.

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## Practice

1 Read the sentence.

My brother and I decided to visit our old friend when \_\_\_\_\_ were in town.

Which of these correctly completes the sentence and agrees with the underlined antecedent?

- A. we                      B. I  
C. he                      D. you

2 Read the sentence.

Lisa and Angel had organized the bake sale, so I gave the cupcakes to \_\_\_\_\_.

Which of these correctly completes the sentence and agrees with the underlined antecedent?

- A. her                      B. them  
C. you                      D. herself

3 Read the sentence.

We had planned a surprise party for my sister, but \_\_\_\_\_ heard us talking about it.

Which of these correctly completes the sentence and agrees with the underlined antecedent?

- A. she                      B. he  
C. they                      D. me

4 Read the sentence.

My children were unhappy with my wife and me when \_\_\_\_\_ grounded them.

Which of these correctly completes the sentence and agrees with the underlined antecedent?

- A. her                      B. myself  
C. you                      D. we

5 Read the sentence.

The movers were careful with the table, but they still broke \_\_\_\_\_.

Which of these correctly completes the sentence and agrees with the underlined antecedent?

- A. it                      B. him  
C. ours                      D. they

6 Read the sentence.

We looked everywhere for the keys, but we couldn't find \_\_\_\_\_.

Which of these correctly completes the sentence and agrees with the underlined antecedent?

- A. it                      B. his  
C. her                      D. them

7 Which sentence is written correctly?

- A. Can you go find the kids and give this dollar to him?  
B. Leila knows the directions and will drive herself.  
C. I take good care of my car, so he runs well.  
D. When I closed the door, I forgot to lock them.

8 Which sentence is written correctly?

- A. These photos are important, so don't delete it.  
B. Jill ordered a salad, but the server brought them soup.  
C. There was a wallet on the sidewalk, and I picked it up.  
D. If you need this computer, you can use him after I'm done.

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1 Read the sentence.  
I organized a potluck lunch for my coworkers, and \_\_\_\_\_ all had a good time.

Which of these correctly completes the sentence and agrees with the underlined antecedent?

- A. it                                      B. they  
C. she                                     D. he

2 Read the sentence.  
Aisha wrote a letter to her cousin Malcolm and then waited eagerly for \_\_\_\_\_ to respond.

Which of these correctly completes the sentence and agrees with the underlined antecedent?

- A. her                                      B. them  
C. it                                         D. him

3 In which sentence do the underlined antecedent and pronoun agree?

- A. I picked flowers from the garden and put them in a vase.  
B. Jaime adjusted its tie before the meeting.  
C. The homemade bread was delicious, and we ate them all in one day.  
D. The mosquitoes are swarming tonight; I can hear him buzzing everywhere.

4 Read the sentence.  
Neha dreamed of becoming an astronaut one day, so \_\_\_\_\_ put a lot of effort into her studies.

Which of these correctly completes the sentence and agrees with the underlined antecedent?

- A. he                                        B. it  
C. she                                      D. they

5 Read the sentence.  
Over the years, the statue in the town square had lost \_\_\_\_\_ shine under layers of moss.

Which of these correctly completes the sentence and agrees with the underlined antecedent?

- A. its                                        B. their  
C. her                                       D. his

6 In which sentence do the underlined antecedent and pronoun agree?

- A. The members of the sales team are sure it can beat the previous sales record.  
B. The number of customers in the store is higher than she used to be.  
C. Kyra is feeling confident because it usually sells the most furniture.  
D. Marsha tells Felix that she plans to challenge him in the competition.

7 Read the sentence.  
My grandfather and I planned to walk in the park, but \_\_\_\_\_ changed our minds.

Which of these correctly completes the sentence and agrees with the underlined antecedent?

- A. she                                        B. we  
C. it                                         D. he

8 Read the sentence.  
The roof needs new shingles, but I do not have enough money to repair \_\_\_\_\_ yet.

Which of these correctly completes the sentence and agrees with the underlined antecedent?

- A. her                                        B. him  
C. it                                         D. them

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- 9 In which sentence do the underlined antecedent and pronoun agree?
- A. The sunlight was so bright that I shielded my eyes from him.
  - B. Rayna stepped into her backyard so she could breathe some fresh air.
  - C. These shoes are worn out; I will replace you.
  - D. The students asked her instructor for more time to study before the test.

- 10 Read the sentence.
- I have finished baking the cookies and will deliver \_\_\_\_\_ tonight.
- Which of these correctly completes the sentence and agrees with the underlined antecedent?
- A. them
  - B. it
  - C. her
  - D. you

- 11 Read the sentence.
- I met Mrs. Kels today, and I should get along with \_\_\_\_\_ very well.
- Which of these correctly completes the sentence and agrees with the underlined antecedent?
- A. him
  - B. them
  - C. it
  - D. her

- 12 In which sentence do the underlined antecedent and pronoun agree?
- A. Mariposa signed its name on the form.
  - B. Mr. Berg was worried that the bus delay would make him late for work.
  - C. I watched the movie and quickly realized that I had seen her before.
  - D. You and I should talk about our weekend plans while they wait for a table.

- 13 Read the sentence.
- Sung and Anjali ate lunch together in the cafeteria before \_\_\_\_\_ went to the afternoon meeting.

Which of these correctly completes the sentence and agrees with the underlined antecedent?

- A. he
- B. she
- C. they
- D. it

- 14 Read the sentence.
- I made myself a coffee and then drank \_\_\_\_\_ slowly as I read the newspaper.

Which of these correctly completes the sentence and agrees with the underlined antecedent?

- A. it
- B. you
- C. him
- D. them

- 15 Read the sentences.
- The sink had been dripping for a week. Mayim helped me fix \_\_\_\_\_.

Which of these correctly completes the sentence and agrees with the underlined antecedent?

- A. she
- B. he
- C. I
- D. it

- 16 Read the sentence.
- After you have a chance to read the files, please return \_\_\_\_\_ to the cabinet.

Which of these correctly completes the sentence and agrees with the underlined antecedent?

- A. it
- B. you
- C. them
- D. me

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1. A. *Brother and I* is plural; the pronoun *we* agrees with it.
2. B. *Lisa and Angel* is plural; the pronoun *them* agrees with it.
3. A. *Sister* is singular and feminine; the pronoun *she* agrees with it.
4. D. *Wife and me* is plural; the pronoun *we* agrees with it.
5. A. *Table* is singular and neuter, so the pronoun *it* agrees with it.
6. D. *Keys* is plural, so the pronoun *them* agrees with it.
7. B. *Leila* is singular and feminine, so the pronoun *herself* agrees with it.
8. C. *Wallet* is singular and neuter, so the pronoun *it* agrees with it.

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1. B. *Coworkers* is plural and agrees with the pronoun *they*.
2. D. *Malcolm* is singular and male and agrees with the pronoun *him*.
3. A. *Flowers* is plural and agrees with the pronoun *them*.
4. C. *Neha* is singular and female and agrees with the pronoun *she*.

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5. A. *Statue* is singular and neuter and agrees with the pronoun *its*.
6. D. *Felix* is singular and male and agrees with the pronoun *him*.
7. B. *Grandfather and I* is plural and agrees with the pronoun *we*.
8. C. *Roof* is singular and neuter and agrees with the pronoun *it*.
9. B. *Rayna* is singular and female and agrees with the pronoun *her*.
10. A. *Cookies* is plural and agrees with the pronoun *them*.
11. D. *Mrs. Kels* is singular and female and agrees with the pronoun *her*.
12. B. *Mr. Berg* is singular and male and agrees with the pronoun *him*.
13. C. *Sung and Anjali* is plural and agrees with the pronoun *they*.
14. A. *Coffee* is singular and neuter and agrees with the pronoun *it*.
15. D. *Sink* is singular and neuter and agrees with the pronoun *it*.
16. C. *Files* is plural and agrees with the pronoun *them*.