vague pronouns

Pronouns need to refer back to a clear and specific noun.

Who is "they?"
They" doesn't refer

to anything.



They say eating pretzels makes you a genius.



Well, Norm's brother said that he ate a bag before his math test.

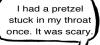


Who is "he?" Norm, or his brother?

Norm. He didn't study and he got an A after eating pretzels. That made him happy.



What did? That he didn't study, or that he got an A?



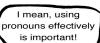
"It" doesn't refer back ot anything!! Get it right!!



The doctor took an x-ray to look for pretzels caught in my lungs,



It is important to use pronouns effectively.









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