

Making Pronouns Agree with Antecedents

Choose the correct or never-questioned pronoun in each sentence. Next to your choice put the antecedent and tell whether the antecedent is singular or plural.

EXAMPLE: Every tugboat in the harbor sounded (its, their) foghorn. its -- tugboat (singular)

1. Did everyone in the play remember (his, their) lines?
2. If anyone finds a glasses case, will (he, they) please deliver it to the Lost and Found Office.
3. Neither of the boys could find (his, their) way without a compass.
4. Every student in our class had (his, their) picture taken for the Chronicle.
5. In our section of woodland, every bird builds (its, their) own nest except the catbird.
6. Dan has always admired a person who can keep (his, their) head in an emergency.
7. If you have finished either of those magazines, will you lend (it, them) to me?
8. Every member of our family has (his, their) favorite television comedian.

Fill in the correct pronouns in the blanks in the sentences below. Then, in the column on the right, write the antecedent of the pronoun that you write in the blank.

Antecedent

EXAMPLE: Everyone should do his best. _____

1. If a person agrees to do something, _____ should not go back _____ on _____ word.

2. Each student did _____ paper with ease. _____
3. One can not blame fate on the stars; everyone is the master of _____ own life.
4. Sheila brought _____ date to the party. _____
5. Somebody climbed in the window and left _____ footprints in _____ the garden.
6. An individual should always fulfill _____ responsibility by voting _____ whenever
_____ can. _____
7. My friends will arrive at _____ destination within an hour. _____
8. Someone was here and left _____ mark. _____
9. People took _____ transistor radios to the beach. _____