

Agreement of Pronoun and Antecedent (1)

A **pronoun** should agree in number and gender with its antecedent.

EXAMPLE 1	Gloria Estefan recorded her songs in Spanish and in English. [<i>Her</i> is a singular, feminine pronoun referring to the antecedent <i>Gloria Estefan</i> .]
EXAMPLE 2	My cousins brought their backgammon game. [<i>Their</i> is a plural pronoun referring to the antecedent <i>cousins</i> .]

EXERCISE Complete each of the following sentences by inserting at least one pronoun that agrees with its antecedent. Then, underline the antecedent.

Example	1. Each <u>girl</u> waited for <u>her</u> mother outside the building after school.
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1. The boy in the blue sweater just dropped _____ notebook and calculator.
2. Resting on the branch of the tree, the robin fluttered _____ wings.
3. I try to wash _____ car every weekend when the weather is pleasant.
4. The women entered _____ offices at about the same time.
5. Neither man was wearing _____ name tag at the meeting.
6. The treasurer needs to keep good records so that _____ knows how much money has been spent.
7. Did the forwards on the girls' soccer team do _____ best?
8. We never ride _____ bicycles on the main road.
9. Mr. Robinson gave _____ dog a treat for being so obedient.
10. Daniel and Roseanne said _____ would be late.
11. Sophia said that *To Kill a Mockingbird* is _____ favorite novel.
12. Ryan said _____ would report on the films of the director Billy Wilder.
13. My aunt Catherine's cat always licks _____ paws after eating.

14. The students said that _____ were happy with the results of the vote.
15. Each member presented _____ position on the issue in an unbiased fashion.
16. María walks _____ dog every morning and every evening.
17. How many friends is Claire going to invite to _____ party?
18. Eric's car had _____ back window broken during the hail storm.
19. We would like to add _____ names to the petition.
20. Three of the girls will take _____ college entrance exam tomorrow.

Answer Keys:

1. his
2. its
3. my
4. their
5. his
6. he or she
7. their
8. our
9. his
10. they
11. her
12. he
13. its
14. they
15. his or her
16. her
17. her
18. its
19. our
20. their