

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. [Her is a singular, feminine pronoun referring to the antecedent Gloria Estefan.]
EXAMPLE 2	My cousins brought their backgammon game. [Their is a plural pronoun referring to the antecedent cousins.]

EXERCISE

Example

1.

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

Each girl waited for her mother outside the building after school.

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 washcar 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.		

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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.

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Answer Key

Answer Keys:

- 1. **his**
- 2. **it's**
- 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