# Pronoun Detective

Check whether a pronoun fits its sentence.

**6.LL.15.b** "Evaluate pronoun usage for number and case."

NAME _____ DATE _____

**CORRECT**

A pronoun is correct when it matches the number of the noun it replaces. It must also fit its job in the sentence, such as doing an action or receiving one.

**I** polished a lantern.

**INCORRECT**

A pronoun is incorrect when it does not match the number of the noun it replaces or does not fit its job in the sentence.

**Me** carried a compass.

## 1 SORT

8 items

Circle CORRECT or INCORRECT for each numbered sentence, then choose two items for Part 2 and explain how you knew.

1. The birds built **their** nests. CORRECT INCORRECT
2. **She** caught the frisbee. CORRECT INCORRECT
3. The kittens washed **its** own paws. CORRECT INCORRECT
4. The guide greeted **us**. CORRECT INCORRECT
5. **Them** planted the seeds. CORRECT INCORRECT
6. Both mittens lost **its** buttons. CORRECT INCORRECT
7. The painters cleaned **their** brushes. CORRECT INCORRECT
8. The chef gave **we** fresh rolls. CORRECT INCORRECT

## 2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

**ITEM #** _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

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## 3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new sentence with a correct pronoun and one new sentence with an incorrect pronoun. Underline the pronoun in each sentence.

**CORRECT** _____

**INCORRECT** _____

**CHALLENGE**

Rewrite one incorrect sentence from Part 1 with a correct pronoun, then explain whether you fixed its number or case.

**ANSWER KEY** # Pronoun Detective

**GRADE 6 · 6.LL.15.b**

## PART 1 · SORT

| # | ITEM | CATEGORY | WHY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | The birds built **their** nests. | **CORRECT** | Their matches the plural noun birds. |
| 2 | **She** caught the frisbee. | **CORRECT** | She is the correct form for the person doing the action. |
| 3 | The kittens washed **its** own paws. | **INCORRECT** | Its is singular, but kittens is plural. |
| 4 | The guide greeted **us**. | **CORRECT** | Us is the correct form for people receiving the action. |
| 5 | **Them** planted the seeds. | **INCORRECT** | They, not them, is the correct form for people doing the action. |
| 6 | Both mittens lost **its** buttons. | **INCORRECT** | Its is singular, but both mittens is plural. |
| 7 | The painters cleaned **their** brushes. | **CORRECT** | Their matches the plural noun painters. |
| 8 | The chef gave **we** fresh rolls. | **INCORRECT** | Us, not we, is the correct form for people receiving the rolls. |

## PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

## PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **CORRECT**: The ducks spread <u>their</u> wings.
- **INCORRECT**: <u>Him</u> opened the window.

**Challenge:** The kittens washed their own paws. I fixed the pronoun's number because their matches the plural noun kittens.

Items 1, 2, 4, and 7 are correct. Items 3, 5, 6, and 8 are incorrect.