Pronoun Patrol

Does each pronoun fit its job?

6.LL.15.c "Identify common errors in pronoun usage."

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CORRECT USE

A subject pronoun, such as I, he, she, we, or they, can be the subject of a sentence. An object pronoun, such as me, him, her, us, or them, can follow a verb or a word like to.

I waved to the astronaut.

INCORRECT USE

The pronoun has the wrong job. An object pronoun is used as a subject, or a subject pronoun is used where an object pronoun belongs.

The magician greeted we.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle RIGHT or WRONG for each sentence, then choose two items and explain how the pronoun's job helped you decide.

1.	She and Marco built a birdhouse.	RIGHT WRONG
2.	The librarian handed them a map.	RIGHT WRONG
3.	Him and Tessa found a coin.	RIGHT WRONG
4.	We planted beans in the garden.	RIGHT WRONG
5.	The referee congratulated he after the race.	RIGHT WRONG
6.	Mira sat beside they on the bus.	RIGHT WRONG
7.	The storm surprised us at noon.	RIGHT WRONG
8.	The captain thanked her for the help.	RIGHT WRONG

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** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write two new sentences, one with a pronoun used correctly and one with a pronoun used incorrectly. Label each RIGHT or WRONG.

RIGHT _____

WRONG _____

CHALLENGE

Rewrite one WRONG sentence from Part 1 so its pronoun is correct, then explain why your change works.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	She and Marco built a birdhouse.	**RIGHT**	She is part of the compound subject.
2	The librarian handed them a map.	**RIGHT**	Them is an object of handed.
3	Him and Tessa found a coin.	**WRONG**	Him is an object pronoun used as part of the subject; use he.
4	We planted beans in the garden.	**RIGHT**	We is the subject.
5	The referee congratulated he after the race.	**WRONG**	He is a subject pronoun used as the object of congratulated; use him.
6	Mira sat beside they on the bus.	**WRONG**	They is a subject pronoun used after beside; use them.
7	The storm surprised us at noon.	**RIGHT**	Us is the object of surprised.
8	The captain thanked her for the help.	**RIGHT**	Her is the object of thanked.

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)

- **RIGHT**: They carried the lantern home.
- **WRONG**: The chef asked I to stir.

Challenge: Item 5: The referee congratulated him after the race. Him is an object pronoun, so it fits after congratulated.

For Part 2, accept explanations that identify whether the pronoun is a subject or an object and connect that job to the chosen category. In Part 3, the incorrect sentence should have a pronoun error, not a different grammar error.