# Pronoun Case Detectives

Sort sentences by whether each pronoun fits its job.

**CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.6.1a** "Ensure that pronouns are in the proper case (subjective, objective, possessive)."

NAME _____ DATE _____

### CORRECT CASE

The pronoun matches its job. Use a subject pronoun for the doer, an object pronoun after a verb or preposition, and a possessive pronoun to show ownership.

You packed your lantern before sunrise.

### WRONG CASE

The pronoun does not match its job in the sentence. Replace it with a pronoun form that fits the job.

The trophy belongs to he.

## 1 SORT

8 items

Circle CORRECT or INCORRECT for each sentence, then choose two items and explain what job the pronoun does and why its form is correct or incorrect.

1. Jordan and I organized the supply shelf. CORRECT INCORRECT
2. The coach gave the schedule to Marcus and I. CORRECT INCORRECT
3. Those binoculars are hers. CORRECT INCORRECT
4. Me and Priya will present first. CORRECT INCORRECT
5. The blue folders are them. CORRECT INCORRECT
6. Our neighbors invited us inside. CORRECT INCORRECT
7. The winning design was theirs. CORRECT INCORRECT
8. Please send the message to she and Omar. 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 for CORRECT and one new sentence for INCORRECT.

**CORRECT** _____

**INCORRECT** _____

**CHALLENGE**

Write two connected sentences. Use a pronoun correctly in the first sentence and incorrectly in the second sentence, then rewrite the second sentence correctly.

**ANSWER KEY**

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**GRADE 6 · L.6.1a**

## PART 1 · SORT

| # | ITEM | CATEGORY | WHY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Jordan and I organized the supply shelf. | **CORRECT** | I is a subjective pronoun in the compound subject. |
| 2 | The coach gave the schedule to Marcus and I. | **INCORRECT** | I follows the preposition to and should be the objective pronoun me. |
| 3 | Those binoculars are hers. | **CORRECT** | Hers is a possessive pronoun showing ownership. |
| 4 | Me and Priya will present first. | **INCORRECT** | Me is in the subject position and should be I. |
| 5 | The blue folders are them. | **INCORRECT** | Them is objective; the sentence needs the possessive pronoun theirs. |
| 6 | Our neighbors invited us inside. | **CORRECT** | Us is an objective pronoun after the verb invited. |
| 7 | The winning design was theirs. | **CORRECT** | Theirs is a possessive pronoun showing ownership. |
| 8 | Please send the message to she and Omar. | **INCORRECT** | She follows the preposition to and should be the objective pronoun her. |

## 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**: You polished your skateboard.
- **INCORRECT**: The pilot spoke to we.

**Challenge:** Kai and I painted the banner. The teacher praised she for the design. The teacher praised her for the design.

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. For Part 2, accept explanations that name the pronoun's job and, for an incorrect sentence, give a correct replacement. In item 5, theirs is the expected replacement because the folders are owned by someone.