

Pronoun Match Hunt

Sort sentences by whether the pronoun matches its noun.

3.L.GC.1.29 "Usage: Ensure pronoun-antecedent agreement. (Continue)"

NAME _____

DATE _____

PRONOUN MATCHES

The pronoun and the noun it names agree in number.
Use a singular pronoun for one noun and a plural
pronoun for more than one.

The lantern lost its glow.

PRONOUN DOES NOT MATCH

The pronoun and the noun it names do not agree in
number. A singular noun needs a singular pronoun,
and a plural noun needs a plural pronoun.

The musicians tuned its instruments.

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Circle the category for each sentence, then choose two sentences and explain whether each pronoun matches the noun it names.

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| 1. The turtle pulled its head inside. | ☐ MATCHES | ☐ NO MATCH |
| 2. The boys packed their lunches. | ☐ MATCHES | ☐ NO MATCH |
| 3. The girls hung up her coats. | ☐ MATCHES | ☐ NO MATCH |
| 4. Maria lost her mitten. | ☐ MATCHES | ☐ NO MATCH |
| 5. The rabbit twitched their ears. | ☐ MATCHES | ☐ NO MATCH |
| 6. Tom and Lee forgot his tickets. | ☐ MATCHES | ☐ NO MATCH |
| 7. The bees cleaned their wings. | ☐ MATCHES | ☐ NO MATCH |
| 8. The dog wagged their tail. | ☐ MATCHES | ☐ NO MATCH |

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 one new sentence for MATCHES and one new sentence for NO MATCH.

MATCHES _____

NO MATCH _____

CHALLENGE

Choose one NO MATCH sentence from Part 1 and rewrite it so the pronoun matches the noun.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The turtle pulled its head inside.	MATCHES	Turtle is singular, and its is singular.
2	The boys packed their lunches.	MATCHES	Boys is plural, and their is plural.
3	The girls hung up her coats.	NO MATCH	Girls is plural, but her is singular.
4	Maria lost her mitten.	MATCHES	Maria is singular, and her is singular.
5	The rabbit twitched their ears.	NO MATCH	Rabbit is singular, but their is plural.
6	Tom and Lee forgot his tickets.	NO MATCH	Tom and Lee are more than one person, but his is singular.
7	The bees cleaned their wings.	MATCHES	Bees is plural, and their is plural.
8	The dog wagged their tail.	NO MATCH	Dog is singular, but their is plural.

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)

- **MATCHES:** The robot lifted its arm.
- **NO MATCH:** The puppies chewed its toys.

Challenge: The girls hung up their coats.

For Part 2, accept explanations that name the antecedent and tell whether it is singular or plural. In the challenge, accept any correctly rewritten NO MATCH sentence.