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.

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.

ANSWER KEY

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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.