

Pronoun Match Hunt

Sort indefinite pronouns by the verb they need.

3.L.GC.1.38 "Grammar: Use indefinite pronouns, ensuring correct agreement. (Introduce)"

NAME _____

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SINGULAR MATCH

This sentence has a singular indefinite pronoun. It needs a singular verb, such as is, was, or has.

Everything sparkles after rain.

PLURAL MATCH

This sentence has a plural indefinite pronoun. It needs a plural verb, such as are, were, or have.

Others cheer loudly.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle SINGULAR or PLURAL for each sentence, then choose two item numbers and explain how the indefinite pronoun and verb match.

1. Everybody in the class has a pencil.

SINGULAR

PLURAL

2. Someone was at the door.

SINGULAR

PLURAL

3. Several squirrels are near the feeder.

SINGULAR

PLURAL

4. Each of the paintings is dry.

SINGULAR

PLURAL

5. Both of the drums have straps.

SINGULAR

PLURAL

6. Many of the apples were bruised.

SINGULAR

PLURAL

7. Anybody is welcome to join.

SINGULAR

PLURAL

8. Few of the plants need water.

SINGULAR

PLURAL

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 SINGULAR sentence and one new PLURAL sentence. In each sentence, use an indefinite pronoun with a matching verb.

SINGULAR _____

PLURAL _____

CHALLENGE

Write a new sentence with an indefinite pronoun, then tell whether it is singular or plural and name the matching verb.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Everybody in the class has a pencil.	SINGULAR	Everybody is singular, and has is a singular verb.
2	Someone was at the door.	SINGULAR	Someone is singular, and was is a singular verb.
3	Several squirrels are near the feeder.	PLURAL	Several is plural, and are is a plural verb.
4	Each of the paintings is dry.	SINGULAR	Each is singular, and is is a singular verb.
5	Both of the drums have straps.	PLURAL	Both is plural, and have is a plural verb.
6	Many of the apples were bruised.	PLURAL	Many is plural, and were is a plural verb.
7	Anybody is welcome to join.	SINGULAR	Anybody is singular, and is is a singular verb.
8	Few of the plants need water.	PLURAL	Few is plural, and need is a plural verb.

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)

- **SINGULAR:** Nothing smells strange.
- **PLURAL:** Others bring snacks.

Challenge: Nobody feels cold. It is singular, and the matching verb is feels.

All eight sentences use correct indefinite-pronoun and verb agreement. For Part 2, students should identify the indefinite pronoun and explain that its verb is singular or plural to match.