

Pronoun Match-Up

Match each pronoun to its noun.

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DATE _____

PRONOUN MATCHES

The pronoun and the noun it stands for are both singular or both plural.

Maya and I planted our seeds.

PRONOUN MISMATCH

The pronoun and the noun it stands for do not agree. One is singular and the other is plural.

A rabbit cleaned our paws.

1 SORT

8 items

For Part 1, circle MATCHES or MISMATCH for each sentence, then for Part 2, choose two item numbers, name each pronoun's noun, and tell whether they are both singular or both plural.

1. A turtle pulls its head inside.

MATCHES

MISMATCH

2. The dancers tied her shoes.

MATCHES

MISMATCH

3. The puppies wagged its tails.

MATCHES

MISMATCH

4. My uncle packed his lunch.

MATCHES

MISMATCH

5. A firefighter checked her helmet.

MATCHES

MISMATCH

6. The crayons left its marks.

MATCHES

MISMATCH

7. The twins carried their backpacks.

MATCHES

MISMATCH

8. A sailor raised his flag.

MATCHES

MISMATCH

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

For Part 3, write one new sentence with a matching pronoun and noun, then write one new sentence with a mismatching pronoun and noun.

MATCHES _____

MISMATCH _____

CHALLENGE

Rewrite this sentence so both pronouns match their nouns: "The foxes followed its trail, and the eagle spread their wings."

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	A turtle pulls its head inside.	MATCHES	Turtle is singular, and its is singular.
2	The dancers tied her shoes.	MISMATCH	Dancers is plural, but her is singular.
3	The puppies wagged its tails.	MISMATCH	Puppies is plural, but its is singular.
4	My uncle packed his lunch.	MATCHES	Uncle is singular, and his is singular.
5	A firefighter checked her helmet.	MATCHES	Firefighter is singular, and her is singular.
6	The crayons left its marks.	MISMATCH	Crayons is plural, but its is singular.
7	The twins carried their backpacks.	MATCHES	Twins is plural, and their is plural.
8	A sailor raised his flag.	MATCHES	Sailor is singular, and his is singular.

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 drummer carried his sticks.
- **MISMATCH:** The windows lost its shine.

Challenge: The foxes followed their trail, and the eagle spread its wings.

Items 1, 4, 5, 7, and 8 are MATCHES. Items 2, 3, and 6 are MISMATCH; Part 2 explanations should identify the noun and compare singular or plural forms.