Pronoun Match-Up

Match each pronoun to its noun.

4.L.GC.1.29 "Usage: Ensure pronoun-antecedent agreement. (Master)"

NAME _____ DATE _____

MATCHES

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

Maya and I planted our seeds.

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."

ANSWER KEY

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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.