

Pronoun Match-Up

Sort sentences by pronoun-verb agreement.

4.L.GC.1.38 “Grammar: Use indefinite pronouns, ensuring correct agreement. (Continue)”

NAME _____

DATE _____

AGREEMENT MATCHES

The indefinite pronoun and verb agree. A singular indefinite pronoun needs a singular verb.

Someone paints a mural.

AGREEMENT DOES NOT MATCH

The indefinite pronoun and verb do not agree. A singular indefinite pronoun cannot use a plural verb.

Nobody bake muffins.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle MATCHES or MISMATCH for each sentence, then choose two numbers and explain how each pronoun and verb do or do not agree.

1. Everyone in the class needs a pencil.

MATCHES

MISMATCH

2. Somebody finds the missing mitten.

MATCHES

MISMATCH

3. Each of the puppies chase a ball.

MATCHES

MISMATCH

4. Everything looks clean after lunch.

MATCHES

MISMATCH

5. Neither of the doors open easily.

MATCHES

MISMATCH

6. One of the players practice at home.

MATCHES

MISMATCH

7. No one remembers the answer.

MATCHES

MISMATCH

8. Each of the jars holds buttons.

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

Write one new sentence for MATCHES and one new sentence for MISMATCH.

MATCHES _____

MISMATCH _____

CHALLENGE

Write a MISMATCH sentence, then rewrite it so the same indefinite pronoun and idea MATCH.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Everyone in the class needs a pencil.	MATCHES	Everyone is singular, and needs is a singular verb.
2	Somebody finds the missing mitten.	MATCHES	Somebody is singular, and finds is a singular verb.
3	Each of the puppies chase a ball.	MISMATCH	Each is singular, but chase is a plural verb. It should be chases.
4	Everything looks clean after lunch.	MATCHES	Everything is singular, and looks is a singular verb.
5	Neither of the doors open easily.	MISMATCH	Neither is singular, but open is a plural verb. It should be opens.
6	One of the players practice at home.	MISMATCH	One is singular, but practice is a plural verb. It should be practices.
7	No one remembers the answer.	MATCHES	No one is singular, and remembers is a singular verb.
8	Each of the jars holds buttons.	MATCHES	Each is singular, and holds is a singular 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)

- **MATCHES:** Someone owns a blue bicycle.
- **MISMATCH:** Everybody play outside.

Challenge: Everybody pack a lunch. Everybody packs a lunch.

For Part 2, students should name the indefinite pronoun and tell whether its verb is singular or plural. Accept original sentences in Part 3 and the challenge when the agreement category is correct.