

Pronoun Match Up

Match each indefinite pronoun with the verb it needs.

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

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SINGULAR AGREEMENT

Some indefinite pronouns can refer to many people but are treated as singular. They take singular verbs.

Anybody wears a helmet.

PLURAL AGREEMENT

Plural indefinite pronouns refer to more than one. They take plural verbs.

Others collect stamps.

1 SORT

8 items

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

1. Each of the robots has a number.

SINGULAR

PLURAL

2. Nobody knows the password.

SINGULAR

PLURAL

3. Few of the shells are cracked.

SINGULAR

PLURAL

4. Someone needs a paintbrush.

SINGULAR

PLURAL

5. Both of the kittens are sleepy.

SINGULAR

PLURAL

6. Several students carry maps.

SINGULAR

PLURAL

7. Every chair is clean.

SINGULAR

PLURAL

8. Everyone brings a water bottle.

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 sentence with a singular indefinite pronoun and one new sentence with a plural indefinite pronoun. Use the correct verb in each sentence.

SINGULAR

PLURAL

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence with two indefinite pronouns, one singular and one plural, and use the correct verb for each.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Each of the robots has a number.	SINGULAR	Each is treated as singular, so has is correct.
2	Nobody knows the password.	SINGULAR	Nobody is treated as singular, so knows is correct.
3	Few of the shells are cracked.	PLURAL	Few is plural, so are is correct.
4	Someone needs a paintbrush.	SINGULAR	Someone is treated as singular, so needs is correct.
5	Both of the kittens are sleepy.	PLURAL	Both is plural, so are is correct.
6	Several students carry maps.	PLURAL	Several is plural, so carry is correct.
7	Every chair is clean.	SINGULAR	Every is treated as singular, so is is correct.
8	Everyone brings a water bottle.	SINGULAR	Everyone is treated as singular, so brings is correct.

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:** Something rattles in the attic.
- **PLURAL:** Most hikers carry snacks.

Challenge: Each is ready, and many are waiting.

For Part 2, students should name the indefinite pronoun and explain whether its verb is singular or plural. Accept varied Part 3 and challenge sentences when the pronoun and verb agree correctly.