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 _____ DATE _____

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 of the 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.

ANSWER KEY

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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 of the squirrels are near the feeder.	**PLURAL**	Several is a plural indefinite pronoun standing for some of the squirrels; are is its matching 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.