# 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 carry maps. SINGULAR PLURAL

**7.** Everything 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** _____

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## 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.

**ANSWER KEY** # Pronoun Match Up

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## 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 carry maps. | **PLURAL** | Several stands alone as a plural indefinite pronoun, so carry is correct. |
| 7 | Everything is clean. | **SINGULAR** | Everything is a singular indefinite pronoun, 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 carry snacks.

**Challenge:** Each is ready, and many are waiting.

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. 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. In items 6 and 7, Several and Everything function as pronouns rather than modifiers of an explicit noun. In the plural model, Most stands alone. Preserve valid agreement judgments and the genuine own/challenge composition tasks.