

Pronoun Matchup

Find pronouns that match the words they replace.

7.10.D.v "pronoun-antecedent agreement;"

NAME _____

DATE _____

NUMBER MATCHES

The pronoun matches its antecedent in number. Use a singular pronoun for one person, place, thing, or idea and a plural pronoun for more than one.

Each astronaut fastened his helmet.

NUMBER MISMATCH

The pronoun does not match its antecedent in number. One antecedent needs a singular pronoun, while more than one needs a plural pronoun.

The bicycles need its brakes checked.

1 SORT _____ 8 items

For Part 1, circle AGREES or MISMATCH for each sentence; for Part 2, choose two items and explain how each pronoun does or does not agree in number with its antecedent.

1. The robots rolled into their charging station.

AGREES

MISMATCH

2. Maya placed her notebook on the desk.

AGREES

MISMATCH

3. The bird built its nest in the tree.

AGREES

MISMATCH

4. The players forgot his water bottles.

AGREES

MISMATCH

5. The lanterns lost its glow.

AGREES

MISMATCH

6. Mr. Chen hung his coat by the door.

AGREES

MISMATCH

7. The puppies wagged its tails.

AGREES

MISMATCH

8. The musicians tuned their instruments.

AGREES

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 with an AGREES pronoun and antecedent and one new sentence with a MISMATCH pronoun and antecedent.

AGREES _____

MISMATCH _____

CHALLENGE

Choose one MISMATCH sentence from Part 1, rewrite it so the pronoun agrees with its antecedent, and name the antecedent and pronoun you fixed.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The robots rolled into their charging station.	AGREES	Robots is plural, and their is plural.
2	Maya placed her notebook on the desk.	AGREES	Maya is singular, and her is singular.
3	The bird built its nest in the tree.	AGREES	Bird is singular, and its is singular.
4	The players forgot his water bottles.	MISMATCH	Players is plural, but his is singular.
5	The lanterns lost its glow.	MISMATCH	Lanterns is plural, but its is singular.
6	Mr. Chen hung his coat by the door.	AGREES	Mr. Chen is singular, and his is singular.
7	The puppies wagged its tails.	MISMATCH	Puppies is plural, but its is singular.
8	The musicians tuned their instruments.	AGREES	Musicians is plural, and their is plural.

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)

- **AGREES:** The raccoons searched for their food.
- **MISMATCH:** The foxes licked its paws.

Challenge: The lanterns lost their glow. Antecedent: lanterns. Pronoun: their.

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. For Part 2, accept explanations that identify the antecedent and pronoun and correctly describe whether their numbers match. In Part 3, accept varied sentences when the intended antecedent is clear and the pronoun fits the selected category.