

Pronoun Number Sort

Match each pronoun to the noun it replaces.

8.10.D.iv "pronoun-antecedent agreement;"

NAME _____

DATE _____

MATCHES

The antecedent is the noun that a pronoun replaces. A singular antecedent needs a singular pronoun, and a plural antecedent needs a plural pronoun.

The beetle crawled into its tunnel.

MISMATCH

The pronoun and its antecedent have different numbers. One is singular and the other is plural.

The sailors raised its flags.

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Circle MATCHES or MISMATCH for each sentence, then choose two items and explain how the pronoun agrees or does not agree with its antecedent.

1. Lena sharpened her pencils.

MATCHES

MISMATCH

2. The campers rolled up his sleeping bags.

MATCHES

MISMATCH

3. The dancers tied her shoes.

MATCHES

MISMATCH

4. Marcus misplaced his calculator.

MATCHES

MISMATCH

5. The robots returned to their charging stations.

MATCHES

MISMATCH

6. My neighbors repaired his fence.

MATCHES

MISMATCH

7. The author signed her novels.

MATCHES

MISMATCH

8. The foxes searched for their den.

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 MATCHES sentence and one new MISMATCH sentence.

MATCHES _____

MISMATCH _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence with a compound antecedent joined by and, then underline a pronoun that agrees with it.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Lena sharpened her pencils.	MATCHES	Lena and her are both singular.
2	The campers rolled up his sleeping bags.	MISMATCH	Campers is plural, but his is singular.
3	The dancers tied her shoes.	MISMATCH	Dancers is plural, but her is singular.
4	Marcus misplaced his calculator.	MATCHES	Marcus and his are both singular.
5	The robots returned to their charging stations.	MATCHES	Robots and their are both plural.
6	My neighbors repaired his fence.	MISMATCH	Neighbors is plural, but his is singular.
7	The author signed her novels.	MATCHES	Author and her are both singular.
8	The foxes searched for their den.	MATCHES	Foxes and their are both 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)

- **MATCHES:** The mechanic cleaned his tools.
- **MISMATCH:** The painters packed her brushes.

Challenge: Jordan and Priya brought their maps.

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. Accept singular they when it clearly refers to a singular antecedent. In explanations, students should identify the antecedent and compare whether the antecedent and pronoun are singular or plural.