Pronoun Pathways

Sort pronouns by what they do.

2.LU.1.B "Use indefinite (e.g., anybody, anything) reflexive (e.g., yourself, herself) pronouns."

NAME _____ DATE _____

NOT EXACT

This pronoun does not say exactly who or what. It can name an unknown person or thing.

Each chose a seat.

BACK

This pronoun points back to the doer in the sentence. It often ends in self or selves.

You can help yourself.

1 SORT

8 items

For each sentence, circle NOT EXACT or BACK, then, in PROVE IT, choose two numbers and tell why each pronoun fits.

1. Somebody lost a glove. NOT EXACT BACK
2. Anything could be inside. NOT EXACT BACK
3. The turtle pulled itself into its shell. NOT EXACT BACK
4. Nobody saw the comet. NOT EXACT BACK
5. Amir taught himself a magic trick. NOT EXACT BACK
6. We made ourselves a fort. NOT EXACT BACK
7. Everyone brought a snack. NOT EXACT BACK
8. Something moved in the bushes. NOT EXACT BACK

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 sentence with a NOT EXACT pronoun and one sentence with a BACK pronoun.

NOT EXACT _____

BACK _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence with both kinds of pronouns. Then label the NOT EXACT pronoun and the BACK pronoun.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · 2.LU.1.B

PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Somebody lost a glove.	**NOT EXACT**	Somebody does not name the exact person.
2	Anything could be inside.	**NOT EXACT**	Anything does not name the exact thing.
3	The turtle pulled itself into its shell.	**BACK**	Itself points back to the turtle.
4	Nobody saw the comet.	**NOT EXACT**	Nobody does not name the exact person.
5	Amir taught himself a magic trick.	**BACK**	Himself points back to Amir.
6	We made ourselves a fort.	**BACK**	Ourselves points back to we.
7	Everyone brought a snack.	**NOT EXACT**	Everyone does not name exact people.
8	Something moved in the bushes.	**NOT EXACT**	Something does not name the exact thing.

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)

- **NOT EXACT**: Anyone may use this crayon.
- **BACK**: I checked myself in the mirror.

Challenge: Someone made herself a paper crown. NOT EXACT: Someone. BACK: herself.

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. Accept PROVE IT answers that explain that NOT EXACT pronouns do not name exactly who or what, while BACK pronouns point to the doer. Part 3 and challenge answers will vary if the pronouns are used correctly.