Pronoun Match-Up

Check whether each pronoun fits its antecedent.

6.LU.1.B "Use pronoun-antecedent agreement, including indefinite and reflexive pronouns when speaking and writing."

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PRONOUN AND ANTECEDENT AGREE

The pronoun agrees with the noun or pronoun it refers to. A reflexive pronoun also matches the person or thing doing the action.

A squirrel washed itself beside the stream.

PRONOUN AND ANTECEDENT DISAGREE

The pronoun does not match its antecedent in number or person. The sentence needs a different pronoun.

The actors prepared itself for the show.

1 SORT

8 items

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

1. Every scientist recorded his or her observations. MATCHES MISMATCH

2. The twins packed herself a snack. MATCHES MISMATCH

3. Neither of the hikers forgot his or her map. MATCHES MISMATCH

4. The choir members shared its costumes. MATCHES MISMATCH

5. Mr. Lee blamed himself for the error. MATCHES MISMATCH

6. The dogs shook themselves dry. MATCHES MISMATCH

7. Maya and Tessa blamed herself for the spill. MATCHES MISMATCH

8. The robot turned themselves off. 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 sentence for MATCHES and one new sentence for MISMATCH.

MATCHES _____

MISMATCH _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence with an indefinite pronoun as the antecedent and a matching reflexive pronoun.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Every scientist recorded his or her observations.	**MATCHES**	Every is singular, so the singular pronouns his or her agree with it.
2	The twins packed herself a snack.	**MISMATCH**	Twins is plural, so the reflexive pronoun should be themselves.
3	Neither of the hikers forgot his or her map.	**MATCHES**	Neither is singular, so his or her agrees with it.
4	The choir members shared its costumes.	**MISMATCH**	Choir members is plural, so its does not agree.
5	Mr. Lee blamed himself for the error.	**MATCHES**	Mr. Lee is singular, and himself agrees with him.
6	The dogs shook themselves dry.	**MATCHES**	Dogs is plural, and themselves agrees with them.
7	Maya and Tessa blamed herself for the spill.	**MISMATCH**	Maya and Tessa names two people, so the reflexive pronoun should be themselves.
8	The robot turned themselves off.	**MISMATCH**	Robot is singular, so themselves does not agree.

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**: Each drummer carried his or her sticks.
- **MISMATCH**: The owls preened itself after the rain.

Challenge: Everyone should remind himself or herself to bring a water bottle.

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. For Part 2, students should name the antecedent and explain whether the pronoun matches it in number and person. Accept different correct examples in Part 3 and the challenge when agreement is clear.