

Pronoun Match Hunt

Sort pronoun agreement, then show your evidence.

7.LU.1.B "Recognize and use pronoun-antecedent agreement, including indefinite, reflexive, and relative pronouns, when speaking and writing."

NAME _____

DATE _____

PRONOUNS MATCH

The pronoun agrees in number with its antecedent, the word the pronoun replaces. A singular antecedent needs a singular pronoun, and a plural antecedent needs a plural pronoun.

A violinist polished her bow.

PRONOUNS MISMATCH

The pronoun does not agree in number with its antecedent. Change the pronoun so it matches the word it replaces.

My parrot taught herself songs.

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Read each sentence, circle MATCH or MISMATCH, then choose two items and explain how the pronoun and antecedent do or do not agree.

1. Each hiker packed his or her lunch.

MATCH

MISMATCH

2. The players congratulated itself after the game.

MATCH

MISMATCH

3. The mural that hangs in the library has lost its color.

MATCH

MISMATCH

4. Neither twin remembered his or her locker code.

MATCH

MISMATCH

5. The robot repaired themselves.

MATCH

MISMATCH

6. The scientists who presented shared their findings.

MATCH

MISMATCH

7. Everyone brought his or her ticket.

MATCH

MISMATCH

8. The dogs chased its tails.

MATCH

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 MATCH sentence and one new MISMATCH sentence. Underline the antecedent and circle the pronoun in each sentence.

MATCH _____

MISMATCH _____

CHALLENGE

Write one correct sentence with an indefinite antecedent and a reflexive pronoun that agree.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Each hiker packed his or her lunch.	MATCH	The singular indefinite antecedent each matches the singular pronoun phrase his or her.
2	The players congratulated itself after the game.	MISMATCH	Players is plural, so the reflexive pronoun should be themselves.
3	The mural that hangs in the library has lost its color.	MATCH	Its refers to the singular noun mural.
4	Neither twin remembered his or her locker code.	MATCH	The singular indefinite antecedent neither matches the singular pronoun phrase his or her.
5	The robot repaired themselves.	MISMATCH	Robot is singular, so the reflexive pronoun should be itself.
6	The scientists who presented shared their findings.	MATCH	Their refers to the plural antecedent scientists.
7	Everyone brought his or her ticket.	MATCH	The singular indefinite antecedent everyone matches the singular pronoun phrase his or her.
8	The dogs chased its tails.	MISMATCH	Dogs is plural, so the possessive pronoun should be their.

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)

- **MATCH:** The gardeners watered their seedlings.
- **MISMATCH:** A squirrel hid themselves in the tree.

Challenge: Each actor prepared himself or herself before the show.

For Part 2, students should name the antecedent and pronoun and explain whether both are singular or both are plural. Accept different correct Part 3 sentences when the category and agreement explanation are accurate.