

Pronoun Match Hunt

Sort sentences by pronoun agreement.

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

NAME _____

DATE _____

PRONOUNS AGREE

The pronoun agrees with its antecedent in number. A reflexive pronoun also matches the subject.

One squirrel hides its acorns.

PRONOUNS DO NOT AGREE

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

Sailors raised his flag.

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Read each sentence, then circle MATCHES or MISMATCHES.

1. Each musician tuned his or her instrument.	MATCHES	MISMATCHES
2. The cousins blamed themselves for the mess.	MATCHES	MISMATCHES
3. The folders that was on the desk belong to Mia.	MATCHES	MISMATCHES
4. Neither dog shook itself dry.	MATCHES	MISMATCHES
5. Every camper packed our flashlight.	MATCHES	MISMATCHES
6. The robot repaired themselves.	MATCHES	MISMATCHES
7. The poems that were displayed won prizes.	MATCHES	MISMATCHES
8. Each painter cleaned ourselves after class.	MATCHES	MISMATCHES

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 that MATCHES and one new sentence that MISMATCHES.

MATCHES _____

MISMATCHES _____

CHALLENGE

Revise this sentence so the pronouns agree, then explain your change: Every librarian placed our book on the cart.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Each musician tuned his or her instrument.	MATCHES	Each is singular, so his or her correctly refers to each musician.
2	The cousins blamed themselves for the mess.	MATCHES	Cousins is plural, and themselves is the matching plural reflexive pronoun.
3	The folders that was on the desk belong to Mia.	MISMATCHES	That refers to the plural noun folders, so the verb should be were, not was.
4	Neither dog shook itself dry.	MATCHES	Neither dog is singular, and itself is singular.
5	Every camper packed our flashlight.	MISMATCHES	Every camper is singular, but our is plural.
6	The robot repaired themselves.	MISMATCHES	Robot is singular, so the reflexive pronoun should be itself.
7	The poems that were displayed won prizes.	MATCHES	That refers to the plural noun poems, so were is correct.
8	Each painter cleaned ourselves after class.	MISMATCHES	Each painter is singular, but ourselves 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)

- **MATCHES:** Neither kitten found its toy.
- **MISMATCHES:** The dancers tied his shoes.

Challenge: Every librarian placed his or her book on the cart. Every librarian is singular, so his or her agrees with librarian.

Items 1, 2, 4, and 7 are MATCHES. Items 3, 5, 6, and 8 are MISMATCHES; accept varied correct revisions in Parts 2 and 3.