

Pronoun Agreement

Exercise 2

Directions: First find and underline the antecedent referred to by the pronoun in the parenthesis. Next, circle the correct form of the pronoun.

1. Everyone seems to laugh at (his, their) own witty jokes.
2. The department store lost (their, its) legal battle with the customer.
3. Either Mary or her sister will find (her, their) books under the table.
4. On cold winter days Steve likes to sit in front of (his, their) fireplace and read.
5. Everybody must do (his, their) part in the committee work.
6. Marty is one of those students who read and work hard for (his, their) grade.
7. Neither the gifts nor the postage was as expensive as (they, it) could have been.
8. Each family went to the store to pick up (its, their) rations.
9. If someone calls me, please ask (him, them) to call again later.
10. Under the new plan, many students paid off (his, their) loans.

Directions: Be consistent in the use of pronouns. In the sentences below underline the antecedent used for the person or people discussed. If the pronoun that refers to it does not agree with the antecedent, cross it out and write the correct form above it.

1. If a person reads well, you will be successful in college.
2. Everyone must grow up and make their own decisions.
3. If a woman is discriminated against, they can file a suit in court.
4. Every player must do his best if they want to win.
5. One is often wrong, aren't they.
6. Somebody left their coat in the gym last week after the storm.
7. If people are to be successful, they must plan carefully and work hard.
8. The students must do all the work or you will fail the course.
9. Each of the brothers occupies their time with a different hobby.
10. Anybody can bring their own equipment to the tournament lockers.