Correcting Shifts in Pronouns

Pronouns must agree with their **antecedents** in number and person.

Make sure to use a singular pronoun for a singular antecedent and a plural pronoun for a plural antecedent

its

An octopus has a sharp beak that is used to break the shell of their prey.

Additionally, make sure to use first-person pronouns with first-person antecedents and third-person pronouns with third-person antecedents. In particular, do not use the second-person pronouns **you** or **your** to refer to a first-person or third-person antecedent.

they

Athletes should warm up before every game so that you don't get injured while playing.

The underlined pronoun shows a shift in number or person. Write the correct pronoun to fix the shift.

1. Users must create an account before <u>you</u> can sign in.	they
2. Bees can visit up to 5,000 flowers per day to collect pollen to take back to its hive.	their
3. Marcus is always careful with his glasses because he can't see very well without <u>it</u> .	them
4. The audience members were told to check under <u>his or her</u> seats for a special prize.	their
5. The piano is my favorite instrument because <u>they</u> can be used in so many different genres.	it
6. Julia makes the most delicious waffles! She sprinkles a little cinnamon on <u>it</u> as she's cooking.	them
7. Team members must communicate and cooperate in order to achieve your goals.	their
8. Blue whales are the largest known animals to have ever lived on Earth. <u>It</u> can grow to more than 90 feet in length and weigh more than 150 tons!	They
9. When writing notes in code, make sure you include a key to decipher the message. Their message can't be read without the key!	Your
10. Humans are born with nearly 300 bones, but by the time <u>we</u> are adults, the bones fuse to make 206 total.	they