

# IDENTIFYING AND 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.

A **dead-leaf grasshopper** uses leaf mimicry to help <sup>it</sup>~~them~~ survive in the wild.

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.

As **Simon and Raul** walked into the arena, <sup>they</sup>~~you~~ could hear music blaring and fans chanting.



**Directions: In each sentence, identify the incorrect pronoun and cross it out. Underline the antecedent and write the correct pronoun in the space provided.**

1. To get to Pier 5 and the aquarium, walk two blocks down and turn right, and you will see ~~it~~ them straight ahead.
2. Students who attend every home game for the local baseball team will get ~~your~~ their very own signed jersey!
3. The members of the U.S. women's soccer team have won the World Cup before, and they hope to win ~~them~~ it again.
4. Marathon runners may not enjoy the early mornings and long training hours, but ~~you~~ they get the satisfaction of crossing the finish line and accomplishing a goal.
5. Because they need energy to keep their wings rapidly beating, hummingbirds eat eight times ~~its~~ their body weight every day.
6. Friends are encouraged to express feelings and emotions, as long as ~~you~~ they do so in an appropriate and respectful manner.
7. Mia and I had both purchased our own homemade gelato ingredients and decided to combine ~~it~~ them into one new flavor.
8. Mrs. Kahn stained all five wood panels and then checked an hour later to see if ~~it~~ they was dry enough for the next step.
9. Nicholas wants to run the Brister Beach Marathon, so he established an exercise program for himself that increases the number of miles ~~you~~ he must run each week.
10. Caleb and Laney had been looking forward to riding the amusement park's newest attraction, the Palace of Darkness, but were disappointed when the sign said ~~we~~ they were too short.