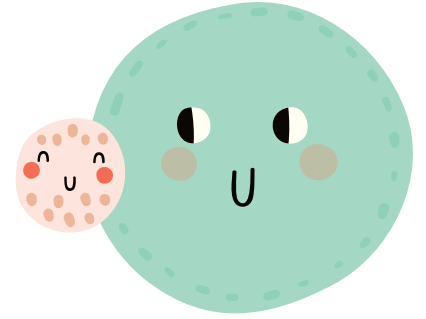Name _____ Date _____

PRONOUNS:
Let's Make an Agreement!

A **pronoun** is a word that takes the place of a noun or noun phrase. The noun or noun phrase that the pronoun refers to is called the **antecedent**. A pronoun must agree with its antecedent.

For example:

Correct: The satellite orbited its moon. • **Incorrect:** The satellite orbited their moon. ✕
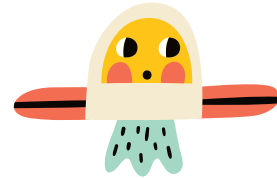
In this example, "satellite" is singular, so it requires a singular pronoun.

When working with a **noun phrase**, the pronoun should agree with the subject.

For example:

Correct: The packet of fuel cells reached its destination.

Incorrect: The packet of fuel cells reached their destination. ✕

In this example, "packet" is singular, so it requires a singular pronoun.
While "fuel cells" is plural, it modifies the noun.

Let's Practice! Circle the antecedent, then underline the correct form of the pronoun.

1. Mariam tried to pick up the (bricks), but (it was • **they were**) too heavy.

2. (Each) of the teachers does a great job planning (its • **his/her**) class parties.

3. Both of the (girls) went to (her • **their**) lockers after the game.

4. Some of the (lemons) fell out of (its • **their**) bag.

5. (Hathai and Lila) made (her/his • **their**) presentation.

6. (Ping Gu), author of "Lime Time," made (**his** • its) characters seem real.

7. The (number) of volunteers increases in (**its** • their) size every day.

8. The (children) waded into the water without (its • **their**) shoes.