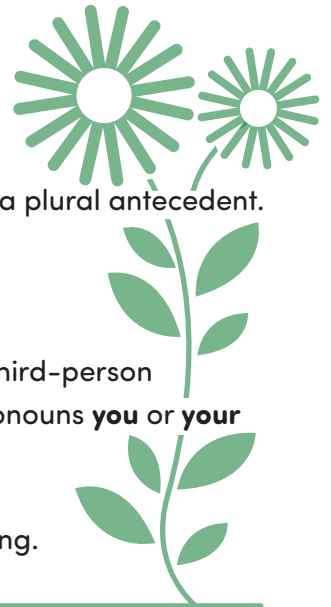


# Correcting Shifts in Pronouns



**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.

An **octopus** has a sharp beak that is used to break the shell of <sup>its</sup>~~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.

**Athletes** should warm up before every game so that <sup>they</sup>~~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 you can sign in.

they

2. Bees can visit up to 5,000 flowers per day to collect pollen to take back to its hive.

3. Marcus is always careful with his glasses because he can't see very well without it.

4. The audience members were told to check under his or her seats for a special prize.

5. The piano is my favorite instrument because they can be used in so many different genres.

6. Julia makes the most delicious waffles! She sprinkles a little cinnamon on it as she's cooking.

7. Team members must communicate and cooperate in order to achieve your goals.

8. Blue whales are the largest known animals to have ever lived on Earth. It can grow to more than 90 feet in length and weigh more than 150 tons!

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!

10. Humans are born with nearly 300 bones, but by the time we are adults, the bones fuse to make 206 total.