

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 ^{it} ~~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, ^{they} ~~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 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 again. _____
4. Marathon runners may not enjoy the early mornings and long training hours, but you 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 body weight every day. _____
6. Friends are encouraged to express feelings and emotions, as long as you 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 into one new flavor. _____
8. Mrs. Kahn stained all five wood panels and then checked an hour later to see if it 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 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 were too short. _____