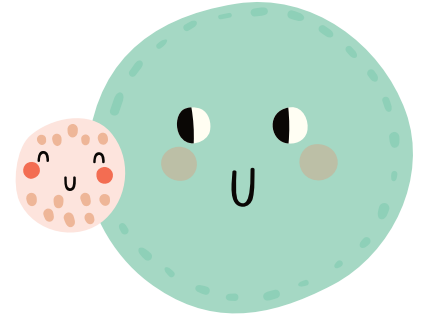


# PRONOUNS:

## 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.

