

# Pronoun-Antecedent Agreement A

**EXERCISE A** In each of the following sentences, circle the antecedent of the pronoun in parentheses. Then, underline the pronoun in parentheses that agrees with the antecedent.

**Example 1.** Every member of the club will have the opportunity to explain (*their, his or her*) position.

1. One of the girls who attended the meeting has given me a copy of (*their, her*) notes.
2. Officers of the student council will conduct an orientation session for (*its, their*) successors.
3. In (*their, its*) excitement about the lopsided victory, the crowd cheered and shouted for at least twenty minutes after the game ended.
4. Relations between the United States and (*their, its*) neighbors to the north and south have not always been cordial.
5. Anyone who wants to help decorate the senior class's float for the homecoming parade should put (*their, his or her*) name and phone number on this list.
6. Marcus, Sam, and Cody knew that (*he, they*) would do well on the final exam.
7. I've shown Simone and Nelda how to do these problems, but now the girls need to try to do them (*herself, themselves*).
8. My grandmother and Aunt Louisa, who have never flown on an airplane, are taking (*their, her*) first flight next week.
9. Either the hedgehog or the opossum rolls (*themselves, itself*) up in a ball when threatened.
10. Neither Sam nor Zack remembered to write down (*his, their*) Social Security number.

**EXERCISE B** In each of the following sentences, underline any pronoun that does not agree with its antecedent. Then, write the correct pronoun above the incorrect pronoun. If a sentence is already correct, write C after it.

**Example 1.** The new political party held a convention to select their <sup>its</sup> nominees for office.

11. Each part of the country seems to have their own regional legends and folklore.
12. I don't like to use this kind of laptop as much as the one that Jaime bought because its keys are too small and closely spaced for my fingers.
13. My uncle and aunt attended the Olympic games when Los Angeles sponsored them.
14. Clarence, along with two other students, is planning to work for a year after their graduation.
15. Despite what their mother told them, two of the little girls forgot to wear her boots today.

## Pronoun-Antecedent Agreement B

**EXERCISE A** In each of the following sentences, circle the antecedent of the underlined pronoun. Then, if the pronoun does not agree with its antecedent, write the correct pronoun above the error. If the pronoun is already correct, write C above it.

**Example 1.** Neither of the children wanted to have <sup>his or her</sup> their hair brushed.

- The yearbook staff surprised their sponsor by dedicating the yearbook to her.
- During the class picnic, some of the girls decided to have her picture taken.
- Either Marcus or Alex can lend you his notes.
- Over 75 percent of the tickets have been sold already, most of it to parents.
- Does everyone who owns a dog understand that they must be kept on a leash at all times?

**EXERCISE B** On the lines provided, rewrite each of the following sentences to correct errors in pronoun-antecedent agreement.

**Example 1.** Each student in my class stayed up late to study because they wanted to do well on the test. All the students in my class stayed up late to study because they wanted to do well on the test.

- Over a third of the tomato plants died because we forgot to water it. \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Each finalist will have to pay their own airfare and other expenses. \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Not one of the boys in that family has to be reminded to make their bed in the morning before breakfast. \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Every member of the graduating class should congratulate themselves for having passed their final exams. \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Nobody likes to be reminded about their faults or shortcomings. \_\_\_\_\_  
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