

Pronouns and Antecedents Guided Notes

Definitions:

- I. A pronoun is a word used to _____.
- II. An _____ is the word for which a pronoun stands.

Example: President Lincoln delivered **his** Gettysburg Address in 1863.

Rule 1: Two [or more] singular things joined by **and** make a _____ antecedent.

Example: The new puppy and kitten have destroyed their owner's sofa.

Rule 2: When _____ **or** _____ precedes two [or more] singular things joined by **and**, you have a _____ antecedent.

Example: Each new puppy, kitten, rabbit, tarantula, python, parrot, turtle, and ferret destroys its owner's sofa.

Rule 3: Use caution with these three conjunctions: either ... or, neither ... nor, and not only ... but also. The _____ **closest** to the _____ determines whether you use a _____ **or** _____ pronoun.

Example 1: Not only the Smiths but also Louise fixed _____ famous squid eyeball stew for the picnic.

Example 2: Not only Louise but also the Smiths fixed _____ famous squid eyeball stew for the picnic.

Rule 4: These indefinite pronouns are always singular [even when they seem plural].

Each	Everything
Anybody	Either
Anything	Neither
Someone	One
Somebody	No one
Something	Nobody
Everyone	Nothing
Everybody	Anyone

Rule 5: Plural Indefinite Pronouns

Several Few Both Many

Rule 6: Singular **OR** Plural Pronouns

Some Any None All Most

If the object of the preposition is _____, use a _____ pronoun.

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Example: Some of the **sugar** fell out of **its** bag.

Sugar is UNCOUNTABLE; therefore, it needs to be used with a singular pronoun. (its)

Some of the **marbles** fell out of **their** bag.

Marbles are COUNTABLE; therefore, it needs to be used with a plural pronoun. (their)

Rule 7: Beware interrupting phrases.

Example: Neither of my two brothers shows much sense when he dates women.

Rule 8: Company, organization, department, and school names are singular.

Example: One urban legend is that **Tito's Taco Palace** makes **its** burritos with kangaroo meat.

Rule 9: Collective Nouns (group, jury, crowd, team, etc.)

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Rule 10: Plural form subjects with a singular meaning take a singular pronoun. (news, measles, mumps, physics, etc.)

Example: The news has lost much of its sting two days later.

Example: Measles is contagious.

Example: Mathematics is my easiest class.