

Pronoun–Antecedent Agreement and Pronoun Case

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Quick Review

A pronoun must match its antecedent in number and gender. SUBJECT case (I, he, she, we, they, who) is used as the doer; OBJECT case (me, him, her, us, them, whom) is used as the receiver. Possessive 'its' shows ownership; 'it's' = 'it is'. To check 'who/whom', try 'he/him': if 'he' fits, use 'who'; if 'him' fits, use 'whom'.

PRACTICE

Choose the sentence with the correct pronoun.

- Which sentence is correct?
 - Me and him went to the park together.
 - Him and I went to the park together.
 - He and me went to the park together.
 - He and I went to the park together.
- Which sentence has correct pronoun–antecedent agreement?
 - Each student brought their own pencil to the test.
 - Each student brought his or her own pencil to the test.
 - Each student brought they own pencil to the test.
 - Each student brought it's own pencil to the test.
- Which sentence uses 'who' or 'whom' correctly?
 - To whom should I give the permission slip?
 - To who should I give the permission slip?
 - Who should I give the permission slip to?
 - Whom should give the permission slip to me?
- Which sentence uses the correct possessive pronoun?
 - The puppy chewed it's favorite toy on the rug.
 - The puppy chewed its' favorite toy on the rug.
 - The puppy chewed its favorite toy on the rug.
 - The puppy chewed their favorite toy on the rug.



5. Which sentence is correct?
- A. The teacher gave Marcus and I a special assignment.
 - B. The teacher gave I and Marcus a special assignment.
 - C. The teacher gave Marcus and myself a special assignment.
 - D. The teacher gave Marcus and me a special assignment.
6. Which sentence has correct pronoun–antecedent agreement?
- A. Neither Lila nor Sam remembered to bring his binder.
 - B. Neither Lila nor Sam remembered to bring their binder.
 - C. Neither Lila nor Sam remembered to bring her binder.
 - D. Neither Lila nor Sam remembered to bring its binder.
7. Which sentence is correct?
- A. Between you and me, the surprise party will be on Saturday.
 - B. Between you and I, the surprise party will be on Saturday.
 - C. Between yourself and I, the surprise party will be on Saturday.
 - D. Between we, the surprise party will be on Saturday.
8. Which sentence has CLEAR pronoun reference (no ambiguous antecedent)?
- A. When Maya met Lily, she was so excited.
 - B. When Maya met her friend Lily, she was so excited.
 - C. When Maya met Lily, Maya was so excited.
 - D. When she met her, Maya was so excited.
9. Which sentence is correct?
- A. Us players were excited to meet the coach yesterday.
 - B. We players were excited to meet we coach yesterday.
 - C. Us players were excited to meet the coach yesterday afternoon.
 - D. We players were excited to meet the coach yesterday.
10. Rewrite this sentence so all pronouns are in the correct case: 'Her and me walked to the store, and the clerk gave Jamal and I free samples.'



Answer Keys

- 1 A B C D
- 2 A B C D
- 3 A B C D
- 4 A B C D
- 5 A B C D

- 6 A B C D
- 7 A B C D
- 8 A B C D
- 9 A B C D
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Explanations

1. D	Both pronouns are SUBJECTS of 'went', so both must be in subject case: 'He and I'. A uses object case for both. B mixes object 'him' + subject 'I'. C uses subject 'He' + object 'me'. Trick: drop one name and re-read — 'Me went' / 'Him went' immediately sounds wrong.
2. B	'Each student' is SINGULAR, so the pronoun must be singular: 'his or her'. A uses plural 'their' (informal but flagged on tests). C uses subject pronoun 'they' as a possessive. D confuses 'it's' (= it is) with the possessive 'its' AND uses 'it' for a person.
3. A	'To ___' takes the OBJECT pronoun 'whom' (give it to him → to whom). A is correct. B uses subject 'who' after the preposition 'to'. C uses subject 'who' as the object of 'to'. D uses object 'whom' as the SUBJECT of 'should give' (must be 'who').
4. C	Possessive 'its' has NO apostrophe. C is correct. A uses 'it's' (= 'it is'). B invents a nonexistent form 'its'. D uses plural 'their' for one puppy (number mismatch).
5. D	Marcus and ___ are OBJECTS of 'gave' → 'me'. D is correct. A and B use subject 'I' as an object (drop 'Marcus and' → 'gave I'? — no). C misuses the reflexive 'myself', which only works when the subject and object are the same person ('I gave myself...').
6. B	When 'neither X nor Y' joins one female and one male antecedent, modern usage accepts singular 'their' for the mixed pair. A picks only the male; C picks only the female; D uses 'its' (for things or animals, not people).
7. A	After a preposition like 'between', use OBJECT pronouns: 'you and me'. A is correct. B uses subject 'I' after a preposition. C misuses reflexive 'yourself'. D uses subject 'we' after a preposition.
8. C	'She' in A and B could refer to either Maya or Lily — ambiguous. D uses TWO unclear pronouns before naming anyone. C repeats the name 'Maya' so the reader knows exactly who was excited.
9. D	'We players' is the SUBJECT of 'were' → use subject case 'we'. D is correct. A and C use object 'us' as the subject (drop 'players' → 'us were excited'? — no). B uses 'we' for the OBJECT 'coach' ('meet we coach' is wrong).
10.	Answer: She and I walked to the store, and the clerk gave Jamal and me free samples. Two fixes needed: (1) 'Her and me' are SUBJECTS of 'walked' → 'She and I'. (2) 'Jamal and I' are OBJECTS of 'gave' → 'Jamal and me'. Mark wrong if either fix is missed, or if the student writes 'myself' (reflexive misuse) or 'her and I' (mixed case).



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