

Shift in Pronoun Notes

Vocabulary:

Pronoun—replaces a noun (he, she, it, they, our, we, my, his, her, etc.)

Antecedent—word or group of words to which a pronoun refers or that a pronoun replaces. All pronouns must agree with their antecedents in number, gender, and person.

Examples:

They are going to the international fair, where you can sample foods from many nations.

I think life was easier when you had fewer possessions.

After one runs a marathon, you are exhausted yet exhilarated.

Solutions???

1. Replace the incorrect pronouns with a pronoun that agrees with its antecedent.
2. Replace the incorrect pronoun with an appropriate noun.
3. With your partner, fix one of the example sentences using one of the solutions!

Pronoun-Antecedent Agreement

An author must capture _____ reader's interest.

Helen Keller and Robert Smithdas overcame many challenges to earn _____ college degrees.

Which one is better?

- 1. Suki and James are going to visit the Everglades where you can see storks and alligators.**
- 2. Suki and James are going to visit the Everglades where they can see storks and alligators.**
- 3. Suki and James are going to visit the Everglades where tourists can see storks and alligators.**

Practice:

With your partner, complete Ex. 13 (pg. 642) and the evens on Ex. 15 (pg. 644).