

NAME

Lesson 7.4 Pronoun Agreement

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EXERCISE 1 Choosing Correct Pronouns

Circle the correct pronoun in parentheses.

Hint

Indefinite pronouns that end in *-one* or *-body* are always singular.

1. On a clear day in 1945, five Navy planes took off from (their, its) base.
2. Suddenly, the tower received word from the pilots that (he, they) were lost.
3. The pilots indicated (his, their) compasses were not working.
4. No one said (he, they) had any engine trouble.
5. Each of the planes lost (their, its) ability to communicate.
6. Radio transmissions weakened, and then (they, it) stopped.
7. It is presumed that everyone on board lost (his, their) life.
8. The planes disappeared in the Bermuda Triangle, an area in the Atlantic bounded at (its, their) points by Bermuda, Puerto Rico, and Miami.
9. Many planes and ships have supposedly vanished there, and (its, their) fate remains a mystery to some people.
10. My class learned about the Bermuda Triangle and discussed some of the legends that surround (it, them).

EXERCISE 2 Proofreading Sentences

Circle any pronoun agreement errors or confusing reference problems. Write the correct pronoun(s) in the margin. If a sentence has no pronoun errors, write *Correct*.

EXAMPLE The Bermuda Triangle got (their) name in a 1964 article. *its*

1. Either Krista or Amy did their speech about unusual creatures and weather conditions in the Bermuda Triangle.
2. Krista asked Mrs. Zito if she could show a map of the region to the class.
3. Has anyone ever provided good evidence for their theories about giant squid, strange magnetic fields, or bursts of methane gas from the ocean floor?
4. Many people have made lots of money by publishing their opinions about the so-called mysterious disappearances.
5. Everybody should base his or her beliefs about the Bermuda Triangle incidents on common sense and facts.