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## Lesson 7.5 Pronoun Agreement

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### EXERCISE 1 Choosing Correct Pronouns

Underline the correct pronoun in parentheses.

1. On December 17, 1903, the Wright brothers secured (his, their) place in the history of aviation.
2. Their flight lasted only twelve seconds, but (they, it) remains historic.
3. The aircraft was called the “Flyer,” and (it, they) weighed 700 pounds.
4. The Wrights had built (his, their) first aircraft in 1899.
5. How did the Wright brothers develop (his, their) interest in flying?
6. In 1878, Mr. Wright gave (his, their) sons their own toy helicopter.
7. In 1909, the U.S. Government bought (their, its) first airplane, a biplane made by the two Wright men.
8. Did either of the brothers drop out of (his, their) local high school?
9. Some of my classmates did (his or her, their) reports on Katharine, Orville and Wilbur’s little-known younger sister.
10. Katharine used her own money to support (her, their) brothers’ experiments.

#### Hint

Use *his* or *her* when a singular indefinite pronoun could refer to both males and females.

### EXERCISE 2 Correcting Sentences

Circle and correct errors in pronoun agreement in the sentences below. If a sentence has no errors, write *Correct*.

**EXAMPLE** Either Mary or Emily did their speech on the history of flight. *her*

1. Kites were invented around 400 B.C., and it played an important role in the history of flight.
2. Leonardo da Vinci studied birds and made many drawings of it.
3. Leonardo sketched a flying machine called the Ornithopter, and the modern helicopter is based on them.
4. Has everyone seen that drawing of the machine in his or her history book?
5. Two French brothers became famous for his invention of the hot-air balloon.
6. Joseph and Jacques Montgolfier were his names.
7. In 1783, the two of them sent up their first manned flight.
8. Several of the books have a picture of an airplane on its covers.
9. Both Emily and Mary explained her information very well.
10. Each of the students had a chance to ask their questions.