

Chapter 8 Practice Quiz: Pronouns

I: Pronoun Agreement

Circle the pronoun that agrees in number with its antecedent (the noun to which it refers).

Example: Each of the girls makes (her, their) own clothes.
*The correct pronoun is **her**, which refers back to the singular "Each"*

1. The jury finally made (its, their) decision.
2. Neither Damon nor his parents offered (his, their) advice.
3. Either of the two boys will offer (his, their) help.
4. Neither the Library of Congress nor the New York Public Library has (its, their) own film rooms.
5. Every person should have (his or her, their) own savings account.
6. Neither the baseball players nor the managers want to lose (his, their) side of the argument.
7. Each student should turn in (his or her, their) paper now.
8. Does everyone have (his or her, their) textbook?
9. Everyone has the right to (his or her, their) own opinion.
10. Each of the women called (her, their) home on the first day of the fall term.
11. One of the girls agreed to drive (her, their) own car.
12. Does anyone have (his or her, their) car keys?

II: Pronoun Case

In the following sentences, write the correct form of the underlined pronoun in the space provided. Write **C** if the sentence is correct.

- they** **Example:** I've never known anyone to enjoy a carnival as much as them.
- _____ 1. The dean and Professor Smithers will sit on the platform in front of you and I.
- _____ 2. Us two and the five tellers were told yesterday that the bank will begin opening on Saturday mornings.
- _____ 3. Did you hear about him?
- _____ 4. Although both José and her were experienced drivers, they hesitated to set out across the mountain in the snow.
- _____ 5. Standing behind he and Susie in the long line at the seafood restaurant were their former neighbors.
- _____ 6. The kindergarten children had not met the new principal and she.

- _____ 7. Coach is an eternal perfectionist; he simply will not accept the attitude of some of us.
- _____ 8. No one but he could have inspired the team to play as it has this year.
- _____ 9. Everybody except him had predicted a miserable record.
- _____ 10. The dancers in the next scene—Louisa, Rosie, and me—have never appeared before so large an audience.

III: Pronoun Reference

Rewrite each sentence that contains an error in the reference of a pronoun. Note that some sentences may be corrected in more than one way. Write **C** if the sentence is correct.

Example: Ken is a sales representative, and he thrives on it. Ken is a sales representative, and he thrives on his job.

- 1. When you have to walk from the subway to your office, a woman needs to wear one pair of shoes and carry another.

- 2. Adam, look at your watch to see whether it is almost time for this lecture to be over.

- 3. The man in front of me at the market had a heap of groceries in his cart, which delayed my work.

- 4. When we read that Will and Ariel Durant were both historians, we became interested not only in them but also in it.

- 5. If a man decides to order a monogrammed shirt, you should be absolutely sure that it will fit.

- 6. Coach Mike told John that he had to spend more time on the track if he expected to stay in shape.

Chapter 8 Practice Quiz: Answers

I: Pronoun Agreement

1. its
2. their
3. his
4. its
5. his or her
6. their
7. his or her
8. his or her
9. his or her
10. her
11. her
12. his or her

II: Pronoun Case

1. me
2. We
3. C
4. she
5. him
6. her
7. C
8. him
9. C
10. I

III: Pronoun Reference

1. When a woman has to walk from the subway to her office, she needs to wear one pair of shoes and carry another.
2. C
3. Because the man in front of me at the market had a heap of groceries in his cart, my work was delayed.
4. When we read that Will and Ariel Durant were both historians, we became interested not only in them but also in history (*or in the study of history*).
5. If a man decides to order a monogrammed shirt, he should be absolutely sure that it will fit.
6. Coach Mike told John, "You have to spend more time on the track if you expect to stay in shape."