**Pronoun Agreement**

* **Your Diagnosis.** Your **pronoun** doesn’t agree with its **antecedent**.
* **Your Treatment Plan**. A **pronoun** and its **antecedent** agree when they are both **singular** or both **plural**. If you are unsure about how to identify **pronouns** and their **antecedents**, please view this [**Pronouns PowerPoint**](https://pensacolastate.instructure.com/courses/1325752/files/50424742?module_item_id=12427624) from our [**Resources**](https://pensacolastate.instructure.com/courses/1325752/files/50424742?module_item_id=12427624) page before you continue.

* **The Cure!** First, identify the **pronoun** and its **antecedent**. Make sure that the two words are the same in number (**singular or plural**) and **gender**. It’s important to note that grammar check will not catch these types of errors. It takes a human eye and careful proofreading. Sometimes, rewording will eliminate the problem.

**Be on the lookout for…**



**Plural pronouns that refer to a singular antecedent:**

* + **PRONOUN AND ANTECEDENT DON’T AGREE:** **Everyone** performs at **their** own fitness level.
    - *Doesn’t “everyone” refer to every single person?*
  + **REVISED:** Everyone performs at **his or her** own fitness level.

**Collective nouns that should be treated as singular:**

* + **PRONOUN AND ANTECEDENT DON’T AGREE:** The **jury** submitted **their** verdict.
    - *Doesn’t a jury act as a singular unit?*
  + **REVISED:** The jury submitted **its** verdict.

**Try it out! Complete the practice exercises on the OTHER SIDE of this page.  🡪**

**PRACTICE**: For each sentence, **underline** the **pronoun** **once** and its **antecedent** **twice**. You will see that the pronoun and its antecedent do not agree. **Edit each sentence to eliminate errors with pronoun agreement.**

1. When someone travels outside the United States for the first time, they must apply for a passport.
2. Every presidential candidate must appeal to a wide variety of ethnic groups if they want to win elections.
3. The aerobics teacher motioned for everyone to move their arms in wide circles.
4. The committee voiced their opinions at the district meeting.
5. The applicant is required to be bilingual if they want the position.