

**25.2****Pronoun and Antecedent Agreement****(Between Personal Pronouns and Antecedents) • Practice 1**

**Agreement Between Personal Pronouns and Antecedents** A personal pronoun must agree with its antecedent in person, number, and gender. Use a singular personal pronoun with two or more singular antecedents joined by *or* or *nor*. Use a plural personal pronoun with two or more antecedents joined by *and*. When gender is not specified, use the masculine or rewrite the sentence.

**PRONOUN-ANTECEDENT AGREEMENT**

My uncle likes *his* new job.

The cat has *its* own basket.

Alicia says this is *hers*.

Dawn or Sue will give you *her* notes.

Ed, Jon, and Bob brought *their* gloves.

Each player has *his* own uniform.

All the players have *their* own uniforms.

**Exercise 1**

**Choosing Personal Pronouns to Agree With Antecedents.** Assume that each item below is an antecedent for a personal pronoun. After each, write *his*, *her*, *its*, or *their* to show which pronoun you would use.

**EXAMPLE:** Eloise or Mary her

- several students \_\_\_\_\_
- the toy train \_\_\_\_\_
- either Kevin or Bruce \_\_\_\_\_
- Lucy, Cindy, or Karen \_\_\_\_\_
- only one girl \_\_\_\_\_
- Paul and Harry \_\_\_\_\_
- each boy \_\_\_\_\_
- many inventions \_\_\_\_\_
- our neighbor's dog \_\_\_\_\_
- the famous actress \_\_\_\_\_

**Exercise 2**

**Pronoun-Antecedent Agreement in Sentences.** Write an appropriate personal pronoun to complete each sentence.

**EXAMPLE:** My sister and I visited our grandparents last weekend.

- Henry called loudly from the cave, but no one heard \_\_\_\_\_.
- The second-hand table has only a few scratches on \_\_\_\_\_ surface.
- Neither Linda nor Carol had a pencil with \_\_\_\_\_.
- The mayor and the city council announced \_\_\_\_\_ new proposal.
- Grandpa likes to have us visit \_\_\_\_\_.