



ELA Virtual Learning

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Lesson: Friday, May 1, 2020

Objective/Learning Target:

- I can identify pronouns and make sure they agree with the antecedents.



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Essential Question:

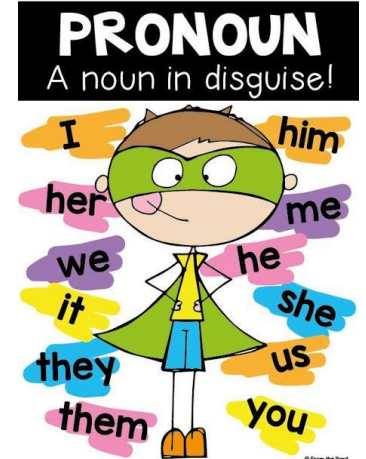
What are pronouns and antecedents how can I make them agree?

Warm-Up:

Review: Pronouns take the place of nouns to name persons, places, things, or ideas.

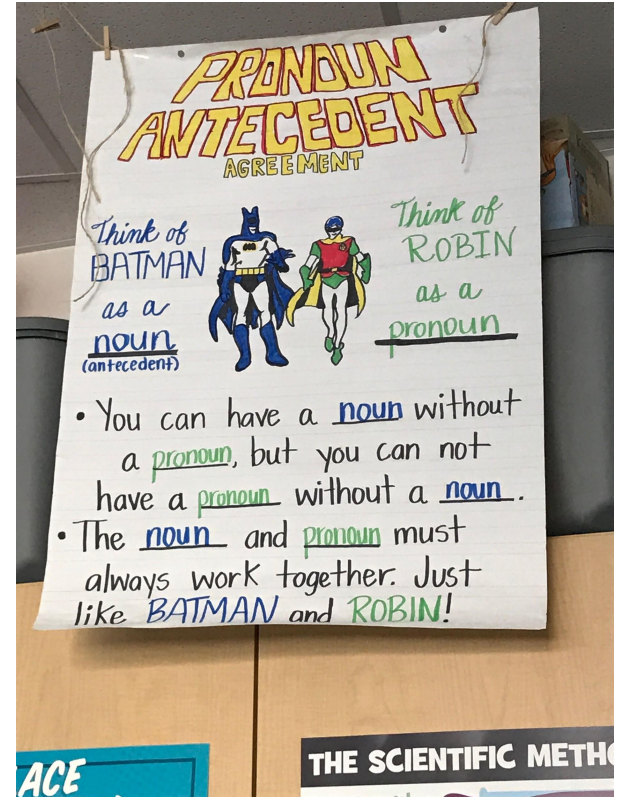
Get out a sheet of notebook paper. Copy the sentences below, but replace the underlined words with pronouns.

1. John likes to play with blocks and cars.
2. Pam has a cat named Fifi.
3. The spider has a sticky web.
4. Todd, Sue, and Bob enjoy reading stories.
5. I like playing by myself, but now I want to play with Sam.



Learn

- The prefix “pro” means “for”. So pronouns stand in FOR nouns.
- The prefix “ante” means “go before”. The noun goes before the pronoun.
- Watch the pronoun [video](#) for additional tips about using pronouns and antecedents.



Learn

When we replace a noun with a pronoun we must be careful. The pronoun must **agree** with the noun or pronoun it refers to (the **antecedent**). A **singular** pronoun must be used when referring to a **singular** noun. A **plural** pronoun must be used when referring to a **plural** noun. This is called **pronoun antecedent agreement**.

For Example:

- *Judy* had oatmeal for *her* breakfast.
 - a. The pronoun *her* agrees with its antecedent *Judy*. Both are singular.

- The *workers* started *their* meeting.
 - a. The pronoun *their* agrees with its antecedent *workers*. Both are plural.

Learn

We have looked at pronouns and antecedents that agree, let's look at a few example that do not agree.

WRONG!

For Example:

- Our carnivorous friends will not attend the picnic because she despise tofu hotdogs and black bean burgers.
 - This does not work because the antecedent is *friends*, which is plural. Therefore, the pronoun must also be plural. The correct option would be *they*.
- Jackson rides their skateboard to work.
 - This does not work because the antecedent is *Jackson*, which is singular and male. Their is plural. The correct option would be *his*.

Practice

The sentences below have a pronoun that *does not* agree with its antecedent. On your paper, rewrite the sentence to show pronoun-antecedent agreement.

1. The little boy could not find their cat.
2. The horses ate his hay in the barn.
3. The girls wanted hot dogs for her dinner.



Additional Practice

When we write, it is important that the words sound natural and conversational. Do these sentences sound "right" when you read them? They shouldn't! Replace one noun in each sentence to make the sentence sound more natural.

1. President Lincoln delivered President Lincoln's speech in 1863.



2. The children laughed when the children saw the clown.



Warm-Up Answer Key:

1. He likes to play with blocks and cars.
2. She has a cat named Fifi.
3. It has a sticky web.
4. They enjoy reading stories.
5. I like playing by myself, but now I want to play with him.

Practice Answer Key:

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Additional Practice Answer Key:

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Additional Resources

- For a catchy pronoun song, visit this [link](#).
- Visit “A Lesson in Grammar” for more pronoun-antecedent [practice](#).

