

Pronoun Antecedent Agreement

A **pronoun** is a word that takes the place of a noun. The word that a pronoun takes the place of is called the **antecedent**. The pronoun must agree with the antecedent in number: a singular pronoun must replace a singular noun and a plural pronoun must replace a plural noun. For example:



The plant needs a lot of sunlight, so I placed **it** by the window.

The pronoun "it" takes the place of the singular "the plant."

The plants need a lot of sunlight, so I placed **them** by the window.

The pronoun "them" takes the place of the plural "the plants."

DIRECTIONS: In each sentence, underline the pronoun. Then identify its antecedent. Write whether the pronoun and the antecedent are singular (S) or plural (P).

- _____ 1. When the girls arrived, they were drenched from the rain.
- _____ 2. The cake was delicious. It was chocolate.
- _____ 3. I don't like candy. It doesn't appeal to me.
- _____ 4. The dogs are friendly. They are always wagging their tails.
- _____ 5. These glasses don't fit. They sit crookedly on my face.
- _____ 6. We are out of milk. You didn't get it from the store.
- _____ 7. These toys don't belong to me. They belong to Benito.
- _____ 8. Toby is whining at the pantry door. He wants a treat.