

The Pronoun "They"



1. Why is usage of the pronoun "they" sometimes contested?

2. What are the objections to using the pronouns "you" and "one" as alternatives to the pronoun "they?"

3. Read each sentence. Does it include a contested usage? Write yes or no on the line. Then use the reference text of your choice to look up the usage and explain why it is contested.

Contested?

Jennifer arrived, but they didn't stay very long.

One may only join us if invited.

It is unnecessary to bring a hostess gift.
