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☛ ON THE TOEFL

- Check to see that the pronouns used in TOEFL questions agree in type (subject, object, possessive, or reflexive), number (singular or plural), and gender (masculine or feminine) with the nouns they replace or refer to.
- Check to see that reflexive pronouns are correctly formed.

See the Grammar Appendix, #8, pages 398–399, if you need more information on pronoun forms and functions.



EXERCISE 5A: Practice with Pronouns

Circle the correct pronoun in each pair.

1. They took (their)/theirs) children to the amusement park.
2. Everybody except (he/him) came to the rehearsal last night.
3. Bryan finished the project by (himself/hisself).
4. Delilah will show this work to a colleague of (her/hers).
5. Mobile homes are relatively inexpensive, so many people own (it/them).
6. Cats bathe (theirselves/themselves) several times a day.
7. Playing a musical instrument is the best way to understand (its/their) capabilities.
8. Only (he/him) was injured in the accident.
9. It was (they/them) who sent us the information about colleges.
10. (Him/His) writing is more polished than (mine/my).
11. Because Margaret and Sue were late, we had to start the meeting without (they/them).
12. The apartment manager gave (we/us) back our deposit.
13. I'm sorry that you have to clean your room by (you/yourself).
14. I didn't expect Anne to be at home this evening, but it was (her/she) who came to the door when I arrived.
15. I must keep (myself/me) busy, or I will get bored.

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EXERCISE 5B: Practice Identifying Incorrect Pronouns

In each sentence, choose the letter of the underlined pronoun that is incorrect. Then, correct the error.

B 1. This library was founded by our college in 1865 and took ~~it~~ its name from a secret benefactor who donated his fortune for its development.
(A) (B) (C) (D)

___ 2. He who hesitates can lose him place in the race and do damage to himself and to his chances for success.
(A) (B) (C) (D)

___ 3. They gave us his undivided attention but still couldn't understand what we were saying.
(A) (B) (C) (D)

___ 4. We cannot finish it without you and they.
(A) (B) (C) (D)

___ 5. Only her had the courage to try our challenge by herself, and she succeeded.
(A) (B) (C) (D)

___ 6. While they were helping theirselves to the sandwiches, I was treating myself to the salad.
(A) (B) (C) (D)



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