



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 (themselves / 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.





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

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