

EXERCISE 44: Sentences—Pronouns

In some sentences in the Structure Section on the Paper-Based TOEFL, you will be asked to identify the correct pronoun. A pronoun is a word that can be used instead of a noun, usually to avoid repeating the noun. A pronoun may be singular or plural; masculine, feminine, or neuter; and first, second, or third person to agree with the noun to which it refers. A pronoun may be used as the subject of a sentence or a clause or as the object of a sentence, a clause, or a preposition. In English, pronouns are also used to express possessives and reflexives. Choose the correct answer in the incomplete sentences. Choose the incorrect word or phrase in the underlined choices.

1. The crime rate has begun to decline in New York City due to efforts on the part of both government and private citizens to curb _____.
Ⓐ them
Ⓑ him
Ⓒ its
Ⓓ it
2. Sloths spend most of its time hanging upside down from trees and feeding on leaves and fruit.
Ⓐ
Ⓑ
Ⓒ
Ⓓ
3. When the European settlers came in the seventeenth century, the newcomers began a systematic effort to push the Native Americans into the wilderness and to take their land from their.
Ⓐ
Ⓑ
Ⓒ
Ⓓ
4. Seals can _____ because they have a thick layer of blubber under their fur.
Ⓐ keep them warm
Ⓑ keep themselves warm
Ⓒ they keep warm
Ⓓ keep their warm
5. After Dr. Werner Arber discovered restriction enzymes, Drs. Daniel Nathan, Hamilton Smith, and him were awarded the Nobel Prize for their research in that field.
Ⓐ
Ⓑ
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Ⓓ
6. There are not many people which adapt to a new culture without feeling some disorientation at first.
Ⓐ
Ⓑ
Ⓒ
Ⓓ
7. In order for people who speak different languages to engage in trade _____, they often develop a simplified language called *pidgin*.
Ⓐ with each the other
Ⓑ with each to the other
Ⓒ with each another
Ⓓ with each other
8. Those of us who have a family history of heart disease should make yearly appointments with their doctors.
Ⓐ
Ⓑ
Ⓒ
Ⓓ
9. Domestic cats often show loyalty to their owners by leaving freshly killed prey such as birds for _____ to find.
Ⓐ they
Ⓑ he
Ⓒ them
Ⓓ their
10. The United States and Canada have many trade agreements that benefit _____.
Ⓐ one the other
Ⓑ other
Ⓒ other one
Ⓓ each other