



Chapter 8

Pronouns

► Practice 1. Personal pronouns. (Chart 8-1)

Draw a circle around each pronoun that has an antecedent. Draw an arrow from the pronoun to its antecedent.

1. Bob works for Trans-Ocean Airlines. He flies cargo across the Pacific Ocean.
2. Mr. and Mrs. Nobriega are moving. They have bought a house in the suburbs.
3. There goes my English teacher. Do you know her?
4. The baby just began to walk. She is eleven months old.
5. A new kind of car is being advertised. It runs on a battery.
6. There are two hawks up there on the telephone wire. Do you see them?
7. Sorry, Mr. Frank is not in the office now. Please call him at home.
8. We have a dog and a cat. They are part of our family.

► Practice 2. Personal pronouns. (Chart 8-1)

Circle the words in *italics* that are grammatically correct.

1. Sarah and *(I / me)* are taking a yoga class.
2. I'm going to tell you something, but don't tell anyone. It's just between you and *(I / me)*.
3. Carlos and Julia were at the movies together. I saw *(they / them)*. *(They / Them)* were holding hands.
4. Where are my papers? I left *(it / them)* right here on the table.
5. I have *(my / mine)* problems, and you have *(your / yours)*.
6. Jim and Helena both work from home. He works at *(he / his)* computer all day, and she works at *(her / hers)*. At five o'clock sharp they both stop *(they / their)* work.
7. My aunt is only five years older than I am. *(She and I / Her and me)* are very close. We are like sisters. *(Our / Ours)* friends and relatives treat *(our / us)* like sisters.
8. I studied Latin when I was in high school. Of course, nobody speaks Latin today, but Latin was very useful to *(me / I)*. Because I understand *(it / its)* grammar, I can understand grammar in other languages. And my vocabulary is bigger because of *(it / its)* too.
9. When baby giraffes are born, *(they / its)* are six feet tall, taller than the average person. *(They / It)* sometimes grow an inch a day, and they double *(its / their)* height in one year.

10. Did you know Mauna Kea in Hawaii is actually the tallest mountain in the world? If you measure it from *(its / it's)* base at the bottom of the Pacific Ocean to *(its / it's)* peak, it has a height of 33,476 feet (10,203 meters). *(Its / It's)* taller than Mount Everest.

► **Practice 3. Personal pronouns: agreement with generic nouns and indefinite pronouns.** (Chart 8-2)

Circle the letter of the correct completions. In some sentences, both choices are correct.

1. All students must bring ____ books to class every day.
a. his b. their
2. Each girl in the class must bring ____ books to class every day.
a. her b. his or her
3. Everyone on the tennis team must leave ____ cell phone number with the coach.
a. his or her b. their
4. Everybody on the men's bowling team brings ____ own bowling ball to the bowling alley.
a. his b. his or her
5. Everyone should know how to do ____ job.
a. his or her b. their
6. Girls, whose keys are these? Somebody left ____ keys on the table.
a. their b. her
7. Nobody in the Boy Scout troop failed ____ tests. Everybody passed.
a. his b. their