

Pronoun Practice – Live Worksheet (Ready to Upload)

Instructions: This worksheet is designed for Liveworksheets. After uploading, convert blanks to dropdowns, multiple choice, or short-answer fields as indicated.

PRACTICE 1: Pronoun Reference

Choose the noun that each pronoun refers to. (Use DROPDOWN boxes in Liveworksheets.)

1. Each night the stars fill the skies, but in many large cities **they** are impossible to see. (they → stars / skies / cities)
2. The huge amount of light creates pollution, and **it** makes seeing the stars difficult. (it → pollution / light / stars)
3. The average night sky has approximately 2,500 stars in **it**. (it → night sky / stars)
4. Only about a dozen of **them** can be seen. (them → stars / cities)
5. The International Dark Sky Association focuses on reducing light pollution as **its** main goal. (its → Association / pollution)

PRACTICE 2: Using Indefinite Pronouns

Choose the correct option. (Use DROPDOWN or MULTIPLE CHOICE.)

1. Anyone who wants to start ___ own business had better be prepared to work hard. (their / his or her)
2. One may find that ___ work is never done. (their / his or her)
3. Something is always waiting, with ___ own peculiar demands. (its / their)
4. Nothing gets done on ___ own. (its / their)
5. Anybody who expects more freedom now that ___ no longer works for a boss may be disappointed. (he or she / they)

PRACTICE 3: Avoiding Ambiguous Pronouns

Rewrite each sentence to make the pronoun reference clear. (Use SHORT ANSWER – teacher checked.)

1. My doctor referred me to a physical therapist, and she said I needed to exercise more.
2. I joined a workout group and did exercises with the members, but it did not solve my problem.
3. I tried a lower-fat diet along with exercising, but it did not really work.

PRACTICE 4: Avoiding Repetitious Pronouns

Rewrite each sentence to remove unnecessary pronouns. (SHORT ANSWER.)

1. Young people they sometimes take advertisements too literally.

2. People who see an advertisement they have to think about the message.
3. A recent study, it said that parents can help kids overcome advertising influence.

PRACTICE 5: Relative Pronouns (who / which / that)

Complete each sentence. (FILL IN THE BLANK.)

1. The man ___ lives next door plays the piano.
2. The phone ___ I bought last week is broken.
3. The plant, ___ was a gift, died.

PRACTICE 6: Editing for Pronoun Use

Correct the pronoun errors in the paragraph below. (SHORT ANSWER – teacher checked.)

Fatigue can make a person feel as if they are unable to concentrate. A recent study measured how a lack of sleep affected her memory. When both groups were tested, them suffering from sleep loss showed higher dopamine levels. Perhaps it will learn more about how to help others stay awake.