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Using Pronouns Correctly

Nominative and Objective Uses; Clear Reference

Diagnostic Preview

A. Correcting Pronoun Forms

Identify each incorrectly used pronoun in the following sentences. Then, write the correct form of that pronoun. If a sentence is already correct, write *C*.

- EXAMPLE** 1. Excuse me, Rhonda, but this arrangement is strictly between Carl and I.
1. *I—me*
1. The author spoke to we history students about Slavic culture in Eastern Europe.
 2. During the Olympic trials every diver except she received a low score from the judges.
 3. The instructor, who seemed nervous during the show, was proud of Lani's performance.
 4. It couldn't have been her.
 5. Van is more energetic than me.
 6. Rick couldn't spot Maura and I in the huge crowd at the state fairgrounds.
 7. Tyrone and he are playing backgammon at Regina's house this afternoon.

8. Laura gave he and Edwin a beautiful poem that she had written about friendship.
9. Angie's neighbors, Mrs. Brandt and he, helped plant the trees for Arbor Day.
10. Whomever can possibly take her place?

B. Proofreading a Paragraph for Correct Pronoun Forms

Some of the sentences in the following paragraph contain pronouns that have been used incorrectly. Identify each incorrectly used pronoun. Then, write the correct form of that pronoun. If a sentence is already correct, write *C*.

EXAMPLE [1] To Velma and I, Dizzy Dean is one of the greatest baseball players of all time.

1. I—*me*

[11] We think there never has been another baseball player like him. [12] Fans still talk about he and his teammates. [13] Dean pitched for the St. Louis Cardinals, to who his fastball was a great help, especially in the 1934 World Series. [14] Dean was such a character that his fans never knew what crazy notion might come to he during games. [15] He had a real confidence about him, too. [16] According to one famous story about Dean, whom was also known for his quips, he once said, "Tain't braggin' if you kin really do it!" [17] When Dean became a sportscaster, him and his informal speech appealed to fans. [18] He liked his fans, and they liked him. [19] A big honor for he was being elected to baseball's Hall of Fame. [20] Us fans can go to the Dizzy Dean Museum in Jackson, Mississippi, to find out more about Dean's career.

Case

7a. Case is the form that a noun or pronoun takes to show its relationship to other words in a sentence.

In English, there are three cases: *nominative*, *objective*, and *possessive*. Choosing the correct case form for a noun is usually simple because the form remains the same in the nominative and objective cases.

NOMINATIVE My **dentist** has opened a new practice in the office building next to the mall.

OBJECTIVE The receptionist who works for my **dentist** recently graduated from junior college.