Review E Identifying Antecedents and Writing Pronouns

1. him

2. they

3. she

4. their

5. his or her

6. their

7. its

8. her

9. he or she

10. themselves

1. Please give me Ronald's address so that I can send _____ a letter.

2. The uniform company finally sent Jerome and Ken the shirts that _____ had ordered.

3. Claire or Ida will go to the nursing home early so that _____ can help the residents into the lounge.

4. Several of the volunteers contributed _____ own money to buy the shelter a new van.

5. Did each of the contestants answer _____ questions correctly?

6. Both of the girls packed _____ suitcases carefully for the trip to Canada and Alaska.

7. Every car at the service center had _____ oil changed.

8. Neither of the women withdrew _____ job application.

9. Anyone can belong to the International Students Association if _____ is interested.

10. Neither the coaches nor the players blamed _____ for the loss.

Review F Proofreading Sentences for Pronoun-Antecedent Agreement

HELP

Some sentences in Review F may contain more than one error in agreement.

Many of the following sentences contain errors in agreement between pronouns and their antecedents. Identify each of these errors, and give the form of the pronoun that agrees with its antecedent. If a sentence is already correct, write *C*.

EXAMPLE   **1.** All of us need to choose a topic for his or her reports.

    1. his or her—our

1. George has chosen Walt Disney as the subject of his report.   **1.** C

2. Several others in our class have also submitted his or her topics.   **2.** their

3. Dominic, one of the Perrone twins, has chosen Alfred Hitchcock as their subject.   **3.** his

4. Neither George nor Dominic will have difficulty finding material for their report.   **4.** his

5. Each of these moviemakers has left their mark on the world.   **5.** his

6. Either Minnie or Sue offered their help with proofreading.   **6.** her

7. Each of the boys refused politely, saying that they would proofread the report on their own.   **7.** he / his

8. Does everyone, including George and Dominic, know that they must assemble facts, not opinions?   **8.** he or she

9. Neither George nor Dominic should forget to include amusing anecdotes about their subject.   **9.** his

10. Nobody likes to discover that they just read a dull report about an interesting subject.   **10.** he or she

The **United States** celebrated **its** bicentennial in 1976.

After Chad finished reading ***Mules and Men,*** he wrote a report on **it.**

Future Farmers of America meets tomorrow to plan **its** convention.

Marble Falls is in Texas; **it** is north of San Antonio and Blanco.

NOTE Plural pronouns are used to refer to some nouns that end in *–s* but that refer to a single item.

EXAMPLES I'll buy these **pants** because **they** fit better and are a better value than **those.**

If you're looking for the **scissors,** you'll find **them** in the third drawer on the left.

Review G **Agreement of Pronoun and Antecedent**

Some of the following sentences contain errors in pronoun-antecedent agreement. Identify each incorrect pronoun, and give the pronoun that agrees with its antecedent. If a sentence is already correct, write *C*.

EXAMPLE **1.** Several people in the neighborhood have expressed his or her views.

1. his or her—their

1. they

1. The school finally sent Michael and Kathryn the results of the tests he or she had taken.

2. C

2. On the Serengeti Plain, a cheetah enjoys its freedom.

3. its

3. After World War II, the United States gave most of their foreign aid to help Europe rebuild.

4. it

4. Five percent of the profit will be donated, won't they?

5. its

5. The U.S. Olympic team won their third gold medal.

6. his or her

6. A person with a health problem should always select the best doctor for their needs.

7. C

7. During *ferragosto,* or August holiday, the Italian Parliament takes its recess.

8. his or her

8. Each of the mimes gave their impression of a chimney sweep.

9. they're

9. I like the way the pants look; also, at that price, it's a great bargain.

10. is

10. *War and Peace* are the most famous of Leo Tolstoy's works.