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### Pronoun Case

#### Possessive Pronouns

**DIRECTIONS:** A possessive pronoun is used to show ownership. These types of pronouns never contain apostrophes, as do possessive nouns do. Read each sentence. Circle the correct pronoun.

1. The dog is (her's, hers).
2. (Whose, Who's) house are we going to?
3. I bought my ticket but Kim lost (her's, hers).
4. (Its, It's) registration number is on the label.
5. They won their race, but we lost (ours, our's).
6. This dress needs to have (its, it's) hem stitched up.
7. Did they wash (theirs, their's)?
8. He wasn't sure (who's, whose) bike that was.
9. The project in the corner is (ours, our's).
10. The dog barked (its, it's) head off all day.
11. The bed on the left is (hers, her's).
12. If they don't show up soon, (their's, theirs) is going to get cold.
13. My house needs (its, it's) roof replaced.

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Circle the pronoun in each sentence.

1. He was lost. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Where are they? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Did she miss the bus? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Eloise called me. \_\_\_\_\_
5. The bicycle is his. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Whose instrument is that? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Should they call before they come over? \_\_\_\_\_
8. My father gave me a present. \_\_\_\_\_
9. I brought my purse but Ella forgot hers. \_\_\_\_\_
10. For us, the choice was difficult. \_\_\_\_\_
11. This car needs its windshield replaced. \_\_\_\_\_
12. The house on the right is ours \_\_\_\_\_
13. The dog likes Jerry and me. \_\_\_\_\_

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Pronoun Case: ITS/IT'S

**DIRECTIONS:** Pronoun problems often occur when it comes to deciding whether to use “it’s” or “its”. Always try the substitutions “it is” and “it has” for the contraction “it’s”.

1. (It’s, Its) been a long time since we had spaghetti for dinner.
2. The car needs (it’s, its) upholstery cleaned.
3. That cat knows (it’s, its) name.
4. Jane said (it’s, its) her turn to cook.
5. The house needs (it’s, its) gutters cleaned.
6. This month (it’s, its) been six years since we moved here.
7. (It’s, Its) the only toy I have ever broken.
8. That earring lost (it’s, its) back.
9. (It’s, Its) been raining since Sunday.
10. (It’s, Its) been a long time since I’ve seen Jim.
11. That dog always follows (it’s, its) mother.
12. My hamster does what (it’s, its) told.
13. The team lost (it’s, its) first game.

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Pronoun Case: Identifying the Pronoun

Circle the pronoun in each sentence.

1. He was late for school.
2. Who are they?
3. Did she call the coach?
4. Hank went with me.
5. That donut is his.
6. Whose mother was on the phone?
7. Should they eat before band practice?
8. John's brother gave me a valentine.
9. I remembered my permission slip but Tina forgot hers
10. He was a vampire.
11. Where are they?
12. Did she get the job?
13. Marcus hit me.
14. The black one is hers.

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### Vague Pronouns

**DIRECTIONS:** Read each set of sentences. Circle the sentence that is correct.

1. In Wyoming they have horses.

There are a lot of horses in Wyoming.

2. Jane went to visit Karen, which made her happy.

Jane went to visit Karen, which made Karen happy.

3. Uncle Pete lost and Ryan won, so he was pleased.

Uncle Pete lost and Ryan won, so Ryan was pleased.

4. People on that side of town all drive expensive cars.

They all drive expensive cars on that side of town.

5. Mark was only playing when he shouted at Tim.

Mark shouted at Tim, but he was only playing.

6. Phoebe and Jill ate tortilla chips but she doesn't like salsa.

Phoebe and Jill ate tortilla chips but Phoebe doesn't like salsa.

7. The girl eating the baby carrots was here before they were.

The girl eating the baby carrots was here before those other people were.

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### Ambiguous Pronouns

In each set of sentences, one contains a vague or ambiguous pronoun reference.

Circle the correct sentence.

1. When she was twelve, the Orioles won the World Series.

When Jenny was twelve, the Orioles won the World Series.

2. Fanny won the game and the race, but she was very modest about both accomplishments.

Fanny won the game and the race, but she was very modest about it.

3. Mark chose a German bike because he heard they make the best bikes.

Mike chose a German bike because he heard German bikes are of the best quality.

4. Ryan had no brother or sisters and it was hard on him.

Ryan had no brothers or sisters, and his loneliness was hard on him.

5. When trying to open the door and hold her purse, Elaine felt her purse slip out of her hands.

When trying to open the door and hold her purse, Elaine felt it slip out of her hands.

6. At our favorite restaurant they all get a basket of free chips.

Our favorite restaurant gives each of its customers a free basket of chips.

7. When the airport lost Bill and Jean's luggage, they were sorry.

When the airport lost Bill and Jean's luggage, the airport manager apologized.

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### Vague Pronouns

Each sentence below contains a vague pronoun reference.

Rewrite the sentence so that it is clear what the pronoun is referring to.

1. Jane promised to clean up her room, which her mother didn't believe for a minute.

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2. Kendall doesn't seem to care if he loses the race, and this really bugs me.

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3. Both girls enjoyed studying plants, which was a big surprise to their teachers.

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4. People enjoy regular exercise; they find that it improves their mood.

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5. John has ten chores after school which he can't possibly do.

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