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TEN-MINUTE GRAMMAR

DAY ONE

PRONOUN PROBLEMS

In each sentence, choose the correct pronoun:

1. George loved (his / its) pet python, Suzan.
2. (George and her / She and George) were inseparable.
3. But whenever anyone went to George's house to visit, (he or she / they) usually ended up getting eaten.
4. When the City Council hears about the problem, (it / they) will probably want to take the dragon away.

Identify the ANTECEDENT of the bold pronoun (the antecedent is the noun that the pronoun is meant to replace):

5. Finally, the City Council came to collect Suzan; George had to say goodbye to **her**.
6. However, when members of the City Council tried to separate the boy and his pet, Suzan ate **them**.

Wordplay – Just for fun!

➤ **ANAGRAM:** Rearrange the letters in the nonsense phrase below to create new words that actually make sense.

RAP JACKPOTS WIN A CAR

(Hint: pirate)

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DAY TWO

PRONOUN PROBLEMS

If you use a pronoun as the subject of a sentence (the person or thing doing the action), use a SUBJECT pronoun; otherwise, use an OBJECT pronoun.

SUBJECT PRONOUNS

I, He, She, We, They, It, You

OBJECT PRONOUNS

Me, Him, Her, Us, Them, It, You

Identify the pronoun errors. If the sentence uses the correct pronoun, write CORRECT. If the wrong pronoun is used, write the correct pronoun:

1. Taylor and **I** have been friends for years.
2. When we were kids, Taylor and **me** did everything together.
3. One time in the summer, Taylor and his brother met up with my friend Sam and **I** at night.
4. We played football in the dark, and **they** beat Sam and **me**.

In each of the following sentences, the underlined pronoun doesn't match with its antecedent. Either replace the incorrect pronoun or change the antecedent to match:

5. When someone is drunk, they usually don't drive well.
6. The team lost their first game.
7. Mr. Smith couldn't find her keys.
8. If students want to get an A, you have to do the work.

Wordplay – Just for fun!

➤ **CATALOGUE CREATOR:** The root word “-sent- / -sens-” means “feel.” How many words can you list that contain this root?

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DAY THREE

PRONOUN PROBLEMS

In your own words...

1. What is the antecedent of a pronoun?
2. What is the difference between subject and object pronouns?
3. Write a sentence that contains a SUBJECT pronoun.
4. Write a sentence that contains an OBJECT pronoun.

Read the following sentences and then answer the questions:

- (a) Mike called Jonathan and asked him to come over to hang out.
- (b) Mike's little sister wanted to tag along with him and Jonathan.
- (c) She kicked him, and he ended up leaving.

5. What is the antecedent of the underlined pronoun in sentence (a)?
6. Is the underlined pronoun in sentence (b) a subject pronoun or an object pronoun?

7. The underlined pronouns in sentence (c) have an **unclear antecedent** (meaning that we don't know for sure what noun they're supposed to replace.) What would be the best way to fix the problem?

Wordplay - Just for fun!

> **DESCRAMBLER:** Try to sort out the five scrambled words below:

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DAY FOUR

PRONOUN PROBLEMS

Read the following excerpt from Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli and then answer the following questions:

(a) Archie cocked his head, as if he had just caught the sound of a rare bird. (b) He stared at him. (c) "On the contrary, she is one of we. (d) Most decidedly. (e) She is us more than we are us. (f) She is, I think, who we really are. Or were.

1. What is the antecedent of the underlined pronoun in sentence (a)?
2. Which two underlined pronouns in sentence (e) are subject pronouns?
3. Which underlined pronoun in sentence (c) is incorrect? Replace it with the correct one.
4. The underlined pronouns in sentence (b) have unclear or unknown antecedents. Rewrite the sentence to fix the problem.

Using the proper proofreading marks, correct the six errors in this excerpt:

After dinner that day Kevin and me walked over to Archie's Though the official class convened on saturday mornings, we where welcome anytime. "My school, he said, "is everywhere and always in session."

Wordplay - Just for fun!

> **VOWEL COMBINATOR:** The vowel combination "ie" can sound like the hard "E" in "field" or like the hard "I" in "tie." List as many words as you can that contain this vowel combo.