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Pronoun Clarity and Agreement: Clear Antecedents and Correct Case

Directions: Each question shows a sentence or several versions of one. Choose the version that follows standard written English and leaves no doubt about who or what each pronoun means.

1. In every version below, Coach Patel is explaining the travel arrangements to Rosa, and Coach Patel, not Rosa, is the person who will drive to the regional tournament. Which version makes that unmistakable?

A. Rosa learned from Coach Patel that she would be driving to the regional tournament on Saturday.

B. Coach Patel told Rosa, "You will drive to the regional tournament on Saturday."

C. Coach Patel told Rosa that she would drive to the regional tournament on Saturday.

D. Coach Patel told Rosa, "I will drive to the regional tournament on Saturday."

2. Daniel and the writer arranged the chairs in the auditorium, and the principal thanked both of them afterward. Which sentence puts every pronoun in the correct case?

A. Daniel and I arranged the chairs in the auditorium, and the principal thanked him and I afterward.

B. Daniel and I arranged the chairs in the auditorium, and the principal thanked him and me afterward.

C. Daniel and I arranged the chairs in the auditorium, and the principal thanked he and me afterward.

D. Daniel and me arranged the chairs in the auditorium, and the principal thanked him and me afterward.

3. Which choice should replace the underlined word so it refers to both Marcus and Theo?

"Both Marcus and Theo forgot his permission slips on the morning of the museum field trip."

A. him

B. Keep it as written.

C. their

D. your

4. Marisol organized the canned food drive, and the student council owes her the most gratitude. Which sentence gives every relative pronoun its correct form?

A. Marisol, whom organized the canned food drive, is the volunteer to whom the council owes the most gratitude.

B. Marisol, who organized the canned food drive, is the volunteer to whom the council owes the most gratitude.

C. Marisol, who organized the canned food drive, is the volunteer to who the council owes the most gratitude.

D. Marisol, which organized the canned food drive, is the volunteer to whom the council owes the most gratitude.

5. In the sentence "After Jamal talked with his father, he decided to apply for the summer internship," the pronoun *he* could refer to either person. Jamal made the decision. Which revision eliminates the confusion?

A. After talking with his father, Jamal decided to apply for the summer internship.

B. Jamal's father decided to apply for the summer internship after talking with him.

C. After his father talked with Jamal, he decided to apply for the summer internship.

D. Jamal's father talked with him, and then he decided to apply for the summer internship.

6. The sentence below describes students in general. Which pronoun keeps the reference consistent?

"When students visit the writing center, you should bring a printed draft of the essay they want to discuss with a tutor."

A. one

B. they

C. he or she

D. Keep it as written.

7. Does the underlined pronoun agree with its antecedent, or should it be replaced?

"Both of the Okafor twins brought their own rackets to the tennis tryouts on Thursday afternoon."

A. his

B. its

C. Keep it as written.

D. your

8. The seniors lost the volleyball match and afterward challenged the teachers to a basketball game. Which version makes it clear which group lost?

A. The seniors challenged the teachers to a basketball game after they lost the volleyball match.

B. After losing the volleyball match, the seniors challenged the teachers to a basketball game.

C. After the teachers lost the volleyball match, the seniors challenged them to a basketball game.

D. The teachers accepted a basketball challenge from the seniors after they lost the volleyball match.

9. The principal asked the senior class to organize the final assembly, and Priya and the writer selected the music. Which version handles both pronouns correctly?

A. Us seniors were asked by the principal to organize the final assembly, and Priya and I selected the music.

B. The principal asked us seniors to organize the final assembly, and Priya and I selected the music.

C. The principal asked us seniors to organize the final assembly, and Priya and me selected the music.

D. The principal asked we seniors to organize the final assembly, and Priya and I selected the music.

10. The following sentences come from the official minutes of a student council meeting. Which two use every pronoun correctly?

☐ A. Both of the new scoreboards arrived late, and it has not been installed yet.

☐ B. Ms. Lin asked Jordan and me to count the ballots after lunch.

☐ C. The treasurer and him will present the budget at the next meeting.

☐ D. Between you and I, the bake sale raised more money than anyone expected.

☐ E. The council distributed the leftover posters to whoever wanted them.