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## Pronoun-Verb Agreement

- Present-tense action verbs must agree with pronouns.
- Add s to most verbs.
- Do not add s if the pronoun is I, we, you, and they.

Directions: Complete the sentence by filling in the missing verb.

- He \_\_\_\_\_ down to the beach. (walk/walks)
- Will you \_\_\_\_\_ a sandcastle? (build/builds)
- It \_\_\_\_\_ over when the waves hit. (fall/falls)
- When I arrive I \_\_\_\_\_ to look for seashells. (decide/decides)
- We \_\_\_\_\_ many interesting seashells. (see/sees)
- They \_\_\_\_\_ like they have been sitting a long time. (look/looks)
- She \_\_\_\_\_ up a beautiful one from the sand. (pick/picks)
- On the beach he \_\_\_\_\_ a hermit crab. (spy/spies)
- It \_\_\_\_\_ to my feet as I walk. (stick/sticks)
- I \_\_\_\_\_ the sand from my feet in the water. (wash/washes)
- Near the water she \_\_\_\_\_ a starfish. (discover/discovered)
- You \_\_\_\_\_ in the water when the sun gets too hot. (swim/swims)
- They \_\_\_\_\_ back to the shore when it's time to go. (race/races)



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## QUIZ 6A: Indefinite Pronouns

Complete the sentences with anything, nothing, anyone, anybody, no one, or nobody.

- \_\_\_\_\_ is more important than love and good health.
- \_\_\_\_\_ knows the new teacher.
- Does \_\_\_\_\_ in 4<sup>A</sup> have the new grammar book? \_\_\_\_\_ in 4<sup>B</sup> has it.
- A: Do you want \_\_\_\_\_ to drink?  
B: Yes, bring me soda pop please. Thank you.  
A: OK, but give me money because I have \_\_\_\_\_ today.
- Carlos doesn't have friends at school because he doesn't know \_\_\_\_\_. Let's play with him.
- At school, \_\_\_\_\_ likes the vegetable salad. It's horrible!
- Where are my things? I have \_\_\_\_\_ on my desk! Is \_\_\_\_\_ taking my things?
- I know \_\_\_\_\_ about the new science guide. I'm lost. Do you know \_\_\_\_\_ about it?
- \_\_\_\_\_ is playing in recess. The director is talking to all the students.
- Mary isn't going to buy \_\_\_\_\_ for her mom. That's sad!
- I don't like to go to my grandma's house because I know \_\_\_\_\_ to play in the park with.
- \_\_\_\_\_ in 4<sup>A</sup> is going to go to Alex's party because he has friends only in 4<sup>B</sup>.

## QUIZ 6B: Indefinite Pronouns

Complete the sentences with anything, nothing, anyone, anybody, no one, or nobody.

- We understand \_\_\_\_\_ about math. We're lost. \_\_\_\_\_ understands the new teacher.
- There isn't \_\_\_\_\_ on the teacher's desk. He puts \_\_\_\_\_ on it. Everything is in his bag.
- \_\_\_\_\_ likes to have a difficult class in the afternoon because we are tired and don't understand \_\_\_\_\_.
- Does \_\_\_\_\_ have colors or markers? I have \_\_\_\_\_ in my pencil case. It's empty.
- Don't worry. Your secret is safe with me. I don't tell your secrets to \_\_\_\_\_. In other words, \_\_\_\_\_ knows your secrets.
- The bank is closed on Sundays. \_\_\_\_\_ works on weekends.
- Julian has \_\_\_\_\_ in his locker. He isn't going to keep \_\_\_\_\_ in there because he doesn't like it.
- Do you know \_\_\_\_\_ from USA or Europe in our school? I know \_\_\_\_\_.
- Talking about astronomy, I think I'm an ignorant. I know \_\_\_\_\_ about it.



## **PRACTICE EXERCISES I: Answers**

Instructions: Please read each sentence carefully and write the correct pronoun on the space provided.  
(Note to instructors: The antecedent for each pronoun is in bold print.)

1. The Morro Fortress is known for the haunting of one of its looking posts.
  2. Tom and Mary spent their last day in Puerto Rico learning to dance the rumba.
  3. Lola Rodriguez de Tio wrote her revolutionary poem *La Borinqueña* in 1868.
  4. Paola decided she did not want to enter her rooster, Chiki, in Sabana Grande's weekly cockfighting competition.
  5. Juanita wishes she could dance like Shakira.
  6. The director and team were supposed to film today in Aguadilla; however they did not check the weather forecast.
  7. Neither the pilot nor the flight attendants gave their opinions over the spontaneous delay at the San Juan airport.
  8. The jury met in agreement and gave its verdict, sentencing Pablo to five weeks of community service.
  9. The committee members gave their presentation on the benefit of better sidewalk conditions.
  10. The number of volunteers fighting to save stray dogs increases its numbers daily.
  11. Tom and Mary want to plan another trip to Puerto Rico; they want to go in time for the *Festival de Vejigantes*.
  12. The *Capitolio* swarmed with reporters as they all waited for senate members to exit through its doors.
  13. Somebody forgot to take his or her leftover mofongo home after we left the restaurant.
  14. Cristobal Colón discovered Puerto Rico on his route to India.
  15. The *Niña*, the *Pinta*, and the *Santa María* unfolded their sails on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1492.
  16. The people were supposed to come at 6 pm, yet they did not arrive until much later.
  17. Ricky Martin must be aware of all the hearts he has made flutter during his profession.
  18. Ernesto took his girlfriend Viviana to the Morro on Valentine's Day, where they flew kites.
  19. The crowd gathered its belongings as the ferry reached *Culebra*.
  20. Some of the locals followed their instincts and boarded up their houses before going on vacation.

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# **THE DEFINITE ARTICLE "THE" AND THE INDEFINITE ARTICLE "A" OR "AN"**

(A) "The", "a" and "an" are called articles. Articles are used to refer to nouns, examples: the dog, a teacher, an orange. There are two types of articles. "The" is called a definite article and "a" and "an" are called indefinite articles.

(b) "The" is a definite article, which is used to refer to a specific item, example: **the boy** in my class, **the neighbour** who has three dogs, **the apples** in the basket, **the wife** of the chairman, **the holiday** I took.

(C) "The" is also used for items that are one of its kinds. Examples: **the moon**, **the planet Pluto**, **the sun**, **the sky**, **the equator**, **the United States of America**, **the south pole**, **the Suez canal**, **the Indian Ocean**.

(D) "The" may also be used to refer to a particular item that is used to represent all members of its group.  
Examples:  
■ **The** shark is one of the most feared creatures.  
■ **The** durian is a tropical fruit.

(E) "The" may be used to refer to a group of items.  
Examples:

- The pupils really like their teacher.
- We often admire the pretty.
- The lions are king of the jungle.

(f). "The" is also used for comparatives and superlatives.  
Examples:  
■ The taller brother is the smarter one.  
■ He is the physical person in class.  
■ The Nile River is the longest in the world.

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(i). "A" and "an" are called **indefinite articles** and are used for nouns that can be counted. "A" is used for most nouns beginning with consonants and "an" is used for nouns beginning with vowels.

(J) "A" and "an" are used to refer to one of some items.  
Examples:  
■ There is **a** man at our front door.  
■ I saw **a** cat climbing up the tree.  
■ I will meet you in **an** hour.  
■ I was eating **an** apple just now.

(K) "A" and "an" could also be used to refer to any one item in a group or class.  
Examples:  
■ I take a bus to school. (any one of the right buses)  
■ Can I borrow a pencil from you?

(1). "A" and "an" are also used for referring to a representative member of a class.

Examples:

- A whale is a large mammal.
- A screwdriver is a useful tools.
- She is a nurse.

### **Fill in the blanks with a, an, and the.**

1. Neil Armstrong was \_\_\_\_\_ first astronaut to walk on the moon.

2. I asked \_\_\_\_\_ my boss for some assistance.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ pilot is \_\_\_\_\_ person who flies the aeroplane.

4. I spoke to \_\_\_\_\_ girl who was sitting on \_\_\_\_\_ chair at the canteen.

5. \_\_\_\_\_ orange and \_\_\_\_\_ apple are my favourite fruits.

6. Jim gave such \_\_\_\_\_ good performance that all \_\_\_\_\_ audiences gave her \_\_\_\_\_ biggest applause.

7. This is not \_\_\_\_\_ book that I am looking for.

8. \_\_\_\_\_ great wall of China is one of seven wonders of \_\_\_\_\_ world.

9. Is there \_\_\_\_\_ short cut to \_\_\_\_\_ school from here?

10. He had \_\_\_\_\_ interesting suggestion for

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