



Noun-Pronoun-Possessive Noun Agreement

About These Problems

This category includes matching pronouns or possessive nouns to the noun they accurately describe. Make sure that the possessive nouns describe something or someone accurately in reference and singularity/plurality. Keep in mind what most people say in their everyday language is not grammatically correct. In the event that a sentence is vague about which noun you describe, use the actual proper noun. For example if a sentence mentions two men and refers to him, use the actual name instead.

Question. Each boy shared their perspective with regards to the lack of
A B
preparedness during the fire. No Error

C D E

Answer. A: This is a classic case of a noun-pronoun disagreement. In relation to each boy, one perspective was shared. We must use "his perspective" instead of "their."

Question. When the cat and the dog came across the door, it scratched at the wood panel.

- A. it is scratching
- B. the dog scratches
- C. the cat scratched
- D. it scratches hardly
- E. scratching softly

Answer. C: The key to this question is the ambiguity between the dog and the cat being the one scratching at the door. This narrows it down to option B and C. C makes sense in terms of verb tense so the answer is C.