

# COMPANION WITH FAITH

## WRITING GUIDE



### WRONG USAGE OF PRONOUNS

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# Wrong Usage of Pronouns

## **1- Personal Pronouns**

1- Pronoun – Antecedent relation problems

2- Pronoun – case problems

### Pronoun – antecedent relation problems

1-pronouns without antecedents

Ex: Chipmunks do actually hibernate, and they prepare for it by storing large amounts of fat in their body systems.

2-Ambiguous – pronoun reference

Ex: Marissa called Yolenda while she was at the library last weekend.

**(ambiguous)**

While Marisa was at the library last weekend, she called Yolanda.

**(clear)**

3- Indefinite reference → misuse of the pronouns it, they, and you.

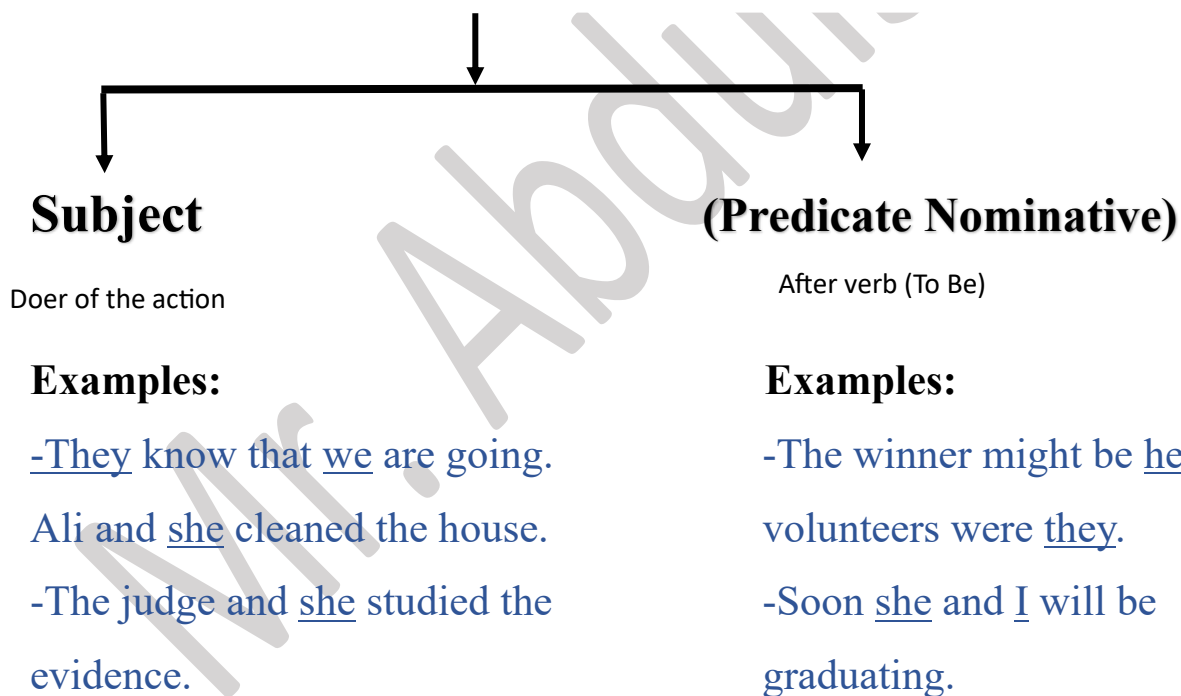
Ex: In the newspaper it reported that the robbers had been caught.

4- Pronoun – Antecedent disagreement

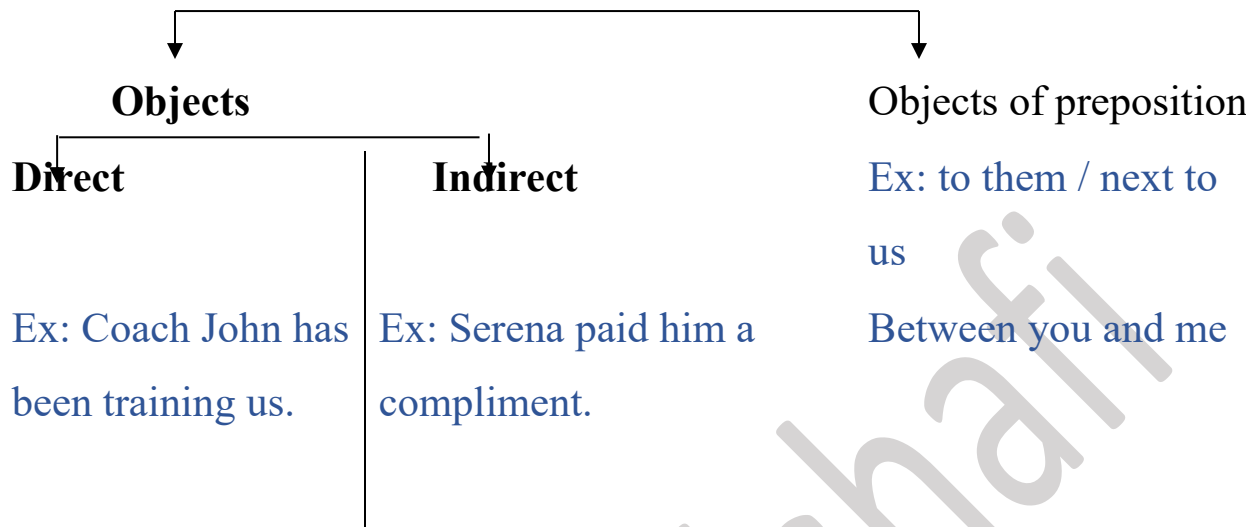
Ex: Everyone should brush their teeth three times a day.

2- Pronoun case problems

**Subjective Case (I /he/she/we/they)**



## Objective case (me/him/her/us/them)



### Note

**Don't use the objective case when you should use the possessive case before a gerund.**

### Exercise:

- 1-We played defense better than them.
- 2-The newest twist in recycling is pre-cycling cutting it off its source.
- 3-Last month, after reading the EPA'S brochure, my family decided to put its ideas into practice.

4-Francis said that in a few years he would give his stamp collection to his brother and I.

5-Do you mind me eating while we walk?

6-Whoever wants to learn about good manners should listen to my aunt Rita.

7-The entire cast in the first scene of the second act consisted of Beth and I .

8-I resent you taking the car without asking.

## **2- Relative pronouns:**

**Relative pronouns usually pose two problems:**

A) Pronouns antecedent relation problems

B) Pronoun case problems

## pronoun – antecedent relation problems

**(Who)** humans / doers

**(Which / that)** nonhumans /  
doers / objects

**(Whom)** humans / object

**(Whose)** humans/ non – humans/  
possessors

**(When)** time

**(Where)** places

pronoun case problems appear with who & whom/ whoever  
& whomever

### Examples:

1-Whom did you vote for in the election?

2-Are you the person to whom I give my essay?

3-I feel sometimes that I don't know who you are anymore.

4-They treat very well whomever they hire.

-Where = which + preposition

-When = which + preposition

-In the SAT " that " would never be used to humans

**Note: It wasn't until + time + that + clause.**

-**Ex.** It wasn't until the 16<sup>th</sup> century that Europe started to realize the importance of science.

### **Pronoun consistency**

Be consistent with any pronoun you use to refer to the same thing more than once in a sentence.

**Ex:** Even when one is dieting, you should always try to get enough vitamins.

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1-Scientists have long known that soot particles facilitate melting by darkening snow and ice, limiting it's ability to reflect the Sun's rays.

A- No change

B- its

C- there

☒ D- their

2-Because today's students can expect to hold multiple jobs – some of which may not even exist yet – during our lifetime, studying philosophy allows them to be flexible and adaptable.

A- No change

B- one's

C- his or her

☒ D- their



3-Like their terrestrial plant cousins, kelp removes carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, turning it into sugar fuel through photosynthesis, and releases oxygen back into the air.


A- No change

B- they're

- its

D- it's

4-Settlers traversing the America West by train in the mid – 1800s often found themselves in need of refreshment.

-No change

B- himself or herself

C- their selves

D- oneself

5-These Harvey Houses, which constituted the first restaurant chain in the United States, was unique for its high standards of service and quality.


A-No change

- were unique for their

C- was unique for their

D- were unique for its

6-While I.M.C P keeps apples firm and crisp for months, it also limits their scent production.

-No change

B- there

C- its

D- it's

7-This can be a problem with consumers, that will reject apples lacking the expected aroma.

A- No change

B- they

C- which

☒ D- who

8-Artists associated with this began to rediscover and promote the work of the Mexican muralists, particularly Siqueros.

A- No change

B- it

C- them

☒ D- this movement

9-In the name of health, spending \$1.60 for every dollar they would have spent on food that is conventionally grown.

A- No change

☒ B- these consumers spend

C- having spent

D- to spend

10-The work did not dampen enthusiasm among scholars. Scholars consider the work a signal achievement in linguistics.

A- No change

B- scholars, and these scholars

C- scholars, but scholars

☒ D- scholars, who

**11-**The plastic hardens quickly, it allows the painter to build the layer of the final model.

A- No change

B- this

☒ C- which

D- that

**12-**In the past, such research was limited by the weight and bulk of the fossils as well as its preciousness and fragility.

A- No change

B- it's

☒ C- their

D- there

**13-**Examining the model, the researchers determined that one had found a new species, a 75 million – year – old crocodile.

A-No change

B- he or she

☒ C- they

D- it

**14-**At it's best the system can give creators direct access to millions of potential hackers.

A-No change

☒ B- its

C- its'

D- their

**15-**Ironically, the success of crowd funding may weaken overall funding for the arts if people begin to feel that paying for the goods loved by them is someone else's responsibility.

A-No change

☒ B- they love

C- loved by him or her

D- he or she loves

**16-**By subverting the presumption that money used for her project is an altruistic donation, the playwright showed that our work has monetary value to those who enjoy it.

A-No change

B- their

☒ C- her

D- its

17-By virtue of there medical training, PAs can perform many of the jobs traditionally done by doctors.

A- No change

B- they're

☒- their

D- his or her

18-During their early years, movement also focused on the value of leisurely meals with friends and family.

A-No change

B- there

☒- its

D- it's



**19-**As the parade winds its way through Chinatown, the music crescendos, and the lion dance reaches its climax with the plucking of the greens."

A-No change

☒ B- its

C- there

D- their

**20-** People were unprepared for the sinking of the Titanic because of believing that the ship was unsinkable

A- No change

B- of having a belief in the ship as unsinkable

☒ C- they believed that the ship was unsinkable

D- they believed the unsinkable nature of the ship

21- Although the kings and queens of England are considered Canada's monarchs, true political power lies with the prime minister, that person is elected by the Canadian citizenry.

- A) No change
- B) the person who holds true political power is the prime minister, which is elected
- ☒ C) true political power lies with the prime minister, who is elected
- D) the prime minister, the source of true political power, elected

22- In areas where deer roam freely, residents must dress to protect themselves against deer ticks that might transmit diseases

- ☒ A) No change
- B) areas roamed by deer freely
- C) areas, freely roamed by deer
- D) areas, in which there are deer that roam freely

23- Zookeepers have expanded one's definition of care to include concern for the animal mental state as well as for its physical well – being.

- A) No change
- B) have expanded one's definition of care, including
- C) expand their definition of care, they include
- ☒ have expanded their definition of care to include

24- Psychologists advise that before making any major changes in your life, a person needs, to focus on one's goals.

- A) No change
- B) their life, a person needs to focus on their goals
- C) their lives, focus on the goals
- ☒ their lives, people should focus on their goals

25-some beaches are frequently contaminated by untreated sewage that flows into the ocean, which can last for several days.

- A) No change
- B) ocean that can last for several days
- C) ocean, it can last for several days
- ☒ ocean; the contamination can last for several days.

26- Teddy bears comforted amused children throughout the twentieth century, and it will be cherished to those born in the future as well.

A) No change

☒ B) they are still cherished to

C) it is still cherished by

D) being still cherished by

27- Smallest of the copperhead snakes, the broad handed copperhead, if disturbed, vibrates its tail rapidly, and they are also known to secrete a substance that smalls life cucumbers.

A) No change

B) rapidly, and it is known that they secrete

☒ C) rapidly and is known to secrete

D) rapidly also secreting their

**28-** The oldest dated jigsaw puzzle, which was engraved in 1767, is a hand-colored map of the countries in England and Wales.

☒ A) No change

B) when it was engraved

C) having engraved it

D) being engraved

**29-** Established by African American during the Reconstruction period, the town of kinases, is new a national historic site, which is where visitors can learn about the role of African Americans in westward expansion.

A) No change

B) site, visitors there

C) site to which visitors


☒ D) site where visitors

**30-** When thinking about which current television shows have the potential to become classics, only a few come to mind.

A) No change

B) When thinking about which are the current television shows with

C) When he thinks about which current television shows have

 When one thinks about which are the current television shows with Physician

**31-** The bacteria have evolved to use hydrogen sulfide instead of sunlight for the energy that drives their metabolic processes, and hydrothermal venting is the source of the chemical soup necessary to support him or her.

 No Change

B) one.

C) them.

D) it.

**32-** As a 2014 study by the KTH Royal Institute of Technology in Sweden found that car traffic in Tallinn was down less than 3 percent since it was enacted.

A) No Change

B) that

C) one

☒ D) the policy

**33-** Upon the arrival of the digital camera, professional photographers harrumphed that they produced ugly, low-resolution images.

A) No Change

☒ B) it

C) one

D) he or she

**34-** To take a wet plate photograph, photographers usually arrange or pose it's subjects before mixing collodion (a viscous, light-sensitive chemical solution, with bromide, iodide, or chloride and applying the mixture to a clean, polished glass plate.

A) No Change

B) its

C) there

☒ D) their

**35-** The bipeds, on the other hand, are far less arboreal, leaving their forelimbs relatively free for tasks in whom hardness may confer on evolutionary advantage.

A) No Change

☒ B) which

C) what

D) whose



**36-** Not cleansing seem to help alleviate guilt, only does but it may also help people feel less conflicted after he or she has made a decision.

A) NO CHANGE

B) one has

C) you have

☒ they have

**37-** Rather than making a trip to the bookstore or library, you can order a book on a whim and start reading it right away.

A) NO CHANGE

B) We

C) he or she

☒ a reader

**38-** “He takes my mind from better things,” the author lamented of Holmes: devising the intricate plots of the stories took a great deal of time and effort, and Conan Doyle wanted to dedicate one’s energies elsewhere.

A) NO CHANGE

☒ B) His

C) Its

D) their

**39-** Conan Doyle’s decision was a serious blow not only to the public but also to the magazine—Strand editors panicked as 20,000 people canceled it’s subscriptions.

A) NO CHANGE

B) Its

C) There

☒ D) their

**40-** When exposed to speech that lacks their typical lower tones, the human automatically reconstructs the missing frequencies.

A) NO CHANGE

B) it's

 its

D) they've

**41-** Benjamin Banneker gained local fame for making a working clock, in 1753, a time when few people owned clocks, let alone understood they're mechanics.

A) NO CHANGE

☒ B) their

C) it's

D) its

**42-** Along one's laborious journey from planning to publication, however, Johnson's *Dictionary* had become a book with more humble ambitions—one that no longer aspired to preserve the purity of the language.

A) NO CHANGE

B) each one's

C) it's

☒ D) its

**43-** In 2016, recognizing archival paper as a cost-efficient and still long-lasting alternative, parliament began debating the option of using them instead of vellum in the United Kingdom's national archives.

A) NO CHANGE

☒ B) it

C) one

D) those

**44-** Using his theatrical flair, Dickens staged dynamic public readings of their works that inspired audiences engaged with the author and his writing in new ways.

A) NO CHANGE

☒ B) his

C) its

D) one's

**45-** He played a number of other professional roles in his extraordinarily far-ranging career, including investment advisor, filmmaker, and tax consultant. yet for all the roles he played, one thing about Pollard never changed: his commitment to creating more chances for African Americans to excel in their chosen fields.

A) NO CHANGE

☐ Pollard

C) Carroll

D) This man

**46-** He used a full-scale replica of two floors of Los Angeles's International Savings Building and set them on the roofs of progressively taller buildings: that is, he placed the replica on a platform atop a two-story building, then a seven-story building, then a thirteen-story building.

A) NO CHANGE

B) those

C) these

☐ it

47- Flores soon left his job at the hotel to devote itself to marketing his toy, which he trademarked with the name “yo-yo” (a name used in the Philippines reputedly taken from an expression meaning “come back” in the Tagalog language).

A) NO CHANGE

B) themselves

C) oneself

☒ D) himself

48- While some fish can keep individual body parts, such as the brain, heart, and muscles, warm, the opah was found to maintain a temperature higher than that of the surrounding water throughout its entire body. Moreover, the opah kept its body temperature nearly constant one descended to the colder depths.

A) NO CHANGE

B) they

☒ C) it

D) those

**49-** A good place to see ecotourism in action is the wilderness of Alaska. Vacationers visit Alaska for it's rugged landscapes and abundant wildlife, but these very features are threatened by pollution.

A) NO CHANGE

☒ its

C) their

D) there

**50-** Continuing to appreciate how diverse perspectives provide a more complete picture of the past, Soskin also asks visitors to contribute one's own stories to the park's oral history collection.

A) NO CHANGE

B) your

☒ their

D) his or her



**51-** After analyzing numerous studies of birds' brain, Gunturkun and Bugbear concluded that the nidopallium, a region of the pallium (The layers of matter covering the upper surface of the cerebrum), is integral in synthesizing information from the senses and sharing them with motor structures.

A) NO CHANGE

B) These

☒ C) It

D) each

**52-** The movement was known as the Great Exodus, and their participants came to be called Exodusters. Drawn by the promise of farming on their own land rather than sharecropping for a landlord, Exodusters founded dozens of communities in the West in the 1870s and 1880s.

A) NO CHANGE

B) his or her

☒ C) its

D) one's

**53-** Hume noted that the robust kneecaps of R. Cucullatus, along with its thick leg bones and broad pelvis, would have provided them with the strength and maneuverability to easily navigate the rocky and densely forested landscape of Mauritius.

A) NO CHANGE

☒ B) it

C) these

D) that

**54-** Dyson and their fellow VISTA members, or VISTAs, have made an excellent decision, one that will benefit them now and in the future.

A) NO CHANGE

B) its

☒ C) her

D) one's

**55-** It was in Rome that Lews undertook its most ambitious projects: large marble sculptures in the neoclassical style, which emphasizes symmetry, harmony, and idealism.

A) NO CHANGE

B) one's

C) their

☒ D) her

**56-** Airlines, online sales companies, and banks rely on consistently functioning networks, so it is easy to see how sonification could serve this industry.

A) NO CHANGE

B) such an industry.

C) both industries.

☒ D) these industries.

**57-** Contending with an instrument that was built and strung for a right-handed player, she flipped the banjo upside down and developed her own idiosyncratic way of playing them.

A) NO CHANGE

B) one.

☒ C) it.

D) these.

**58-** To reiterate Benjamin's point, translators are artists, and therefore  
8238 their work should be valued as such.

☒ A) NO CHANGE

B) there

C) it's

D) its

**59-** Schenck whose mother was Inupiaq, worked at one of them. In her job as an usher, she not only witnessed the segregation of other Alaska Natives but also was obliged to uphold the theater's segregationist seating policy.

A) NO CHANGE

B) of these,

☒ such theater.

D) type of those

**60-** If the Malabar location alone had been studied, the researchers might well have come to the conclusion that giant tortoises were thriving: during the period of study, the number of tortoises at that site grew from 1,998 to 3,856. They estimate that the overall tortoise population dropped from 129,415 to 100,473 across multiple sites.

A) NO CHANGE

B) These

☒ Researchers

D) Residents

**61-** Until UNCLOS is updated or reflect the complexity of this region, it will fail to attain their original goal of securing stability on the seas.

A) NO CHANGE

B) they're

C) it's

☒ D) its

**62-** For centuries Japanese bird enthusiasts have bred white-rumped munias, brown finches with tufts of white feathers, for its plumage.

A) NO CHANGE

B) one's

☒ C) their

D) his or her

**63-** It may be tempting to fault the author for choosing an arcane title, but they are not meant to be widely accessible; rather, they are aimed at other academics in the author's field.

A) NO CHANGE

B) these

☒ such books

D) the readers

**64-** Although the DRC officially disbanded after only a decade (once its core members had moved away), it had hosted over one hundred award-winning artists and inspired many more who passed through these doors.

A) NO CHANGE

B) their

☒ its

D) whose

**65-** Species throughout time have been shaped by divergent evolution, in which a population becomes more distinct from the rest of its species as they adapt to a habitat.

☒ NO CHANGE

B) those adapt

C) it adapts

D) these adapt

**66-** At the time, Lucas was developing a trilogy of prequels to the original Star Wars, and he encouraged Chiang to take bold risks and explore the gray area between “what is Star Wars and what is not.”

☒ NO CHANGE

B) they encouraged him

C) it encouraged Lucas

D) he encouraged Lucas



67- After Montileaux produced drawings of the design, an Oglala Lakota graphic artist adapted them to fit the bus, helping transform its exterior into a brilliant, traveling canvas.

A) NO CHANGE

☒ their

C) one's

D) his

68- Shen's team used the European Space Agency's *Gaia* spacecraft and ground-based telescopes at sites across the globe to conduct an all-sky search for stars that matched his description of hypervelocity runaways.

☒ NO CHANGE

B) ones that

C) those who

D) researchers who

**69-** Paterson's new work, *Future Library*, explores the links between the natural world, time, and human activity in an exciting new way: the project involves planting a small forest and, one hundred years later, turning them into a book.

A) NO CHANGE

B) those

☒ it

D) DELETE the underlined portion

**70-** Scientists have learned that shallow-water corals fluoresce as part of a symbiotic, or mutually beneficial, relationship with algae living inside it.

A) NO CHANGE

☒ them.

C) one.

D) that.

71- Mink had been overlooked by the local Democratic Party, which had already identified they're candidates for the sought-after position.

A) NO CHANGE

B) there

☒ C) its

D) it's

72- By investing in manufacturing methods such as those developed by Circular Systems, they can help reduce the costs associated with slow fashion while building loyalty among environmentally conscious customers.

A) NO CHANGE

B) customers

C) it

☒ D) apparel makers

**73-**Public-awareness campaigns about the need to reduce single-use plastics can be successful, says researcher Kim Borg of Monash University in Australia, when these campaigns give consumers a choice: for example, Japan achieved a 40 percent reduction in plastic-bag use after cashiers were instructed to ask customers whether \_\_\_\_\_ wanted a bag.

☒ A) they

B) one

C) you

D) it **74-**British scientists James Watson and Francis Crick won the Nobel Prize in part for their 1953 paper announcing the double helix structure of DNA, but it is misleading to say that Watson and Crick discovered the double helix. \_\_\_\_\_ findings were based on a famous X-ray image of DNA fibers, “Photo 51,” developed by X-ray crystallographer Rosalind Franklin and her graduate student Raymond Gosling.

A) They’re

B) It’s

☒ C) Their

D) Its