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Introduction



Concept:

A pronoun must agree with its antecedent in number, person and gender.

Pronoun:

A word that takes the place of a noun.

Antecedent:

The word in the sentence that comes before the pronoun. Note the Latin rood "ante," meaning before.



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The pronoun is **masculine** (he, his, him) when the antecedent is **masculine**, and **feminine** (she, her, hers) when the antecedent is **feminine**, and **neutral** (it, its) when the antecedent has no **gender association**.





Joan taught _____ to breathe deeply when she was afraid.

- A. Them
- B. Her
- C. Herself
- D. him





The bat hung ____ upside down from the cave roof.

- A. Them
- B. Itself
- C. It
- D. their





He set the clock to wake ____ up early for school.

- A. Him
- B. Them
- C. Himself
- D. her





The audience keeps telling _____ the scary film is only a movie.

- A. Itself
- B. It
- C. Them
- D. they

ANSWER: A





The puppies inched _____ up onto the step.

- A. Their
- B. Them
- C. Themselves
- D. her





My brother, Rex, and _____ travelled to North Dakota last summer.

- A. Me
- B. I
- C. We
- D. They





Most of the floor was mopped. _____ looked sparkling clean.

- A. It
- B. This
- C. That
- D. these

ANSWER: A





Because this dollhouse is almost 300 years old, it is historically important.

- A. That
- B. This
- C. It
- D. These





The tiny chest and dresser still have _____ original hardware.

- A. Its
- B. That
- C. Their
- D. Theirs





Neither the astronauts nor NASA neglected _____ duties.

- A. Their
- B. Its
- C. Theirs
- D. these





Dollhouses of the 1500s and 1600s, miniature copies of _____ wealthy owners' homes, can help a researcher improve his or her understanding of those times.

- A. Those
- B. These
- C. That
- D. Their

ANSWER: D





Neither of the women has told me _____ opinion.

- A. Their
- B. her
- C. Those
- D. These

ANSWER: A





Bob is one of those teachers who consider _____ privileged to work with students.

- A. Himself
- B. Themselves
- C. his self
- D. him





Someone has forgotten to complete _____ registration form.

- A. Those
- B. These
- C. Their
- D. This





Either of the men could have given _____ seat to the elderly woman.

- A. Their
- B. Those
- C. His
- D. These





Neither Bob nor Bill thought _____ had been treated fairly.

- A. They
- B. He
- C. These
- D. We





Each of these computers has _____ drawbacks.

- A. Its
- B. These
- C. Their
- D. This

ANSWER: A





Rick or Davaughn brought _____ guitar.

- A. Their
- B. His
- C. This
- D. These





Somebody dropped _____ wallet.

- A. These
- B. Their
- C. His or her
- D. This





Neither of the children appreciates _____ parents' sacrifices.

- A. their
- B. these
- C. those
- D. his or her

ANSWER: D

