

**THE BEST ACT PREP COURSE EVER**

# **PRONOUN CASES**

*ACT English: Problem Set*

Correct the pronoun case error(s) below.

1. He brought my group and I extra dry-erase markers.
2. Without a valid barcode on the ticket, his cannot be admitted into the venue.
3. The gallery's contemporary collection was curated by I.
4. Her and her mom have traveled to twenty countries together.
5. Stephanie, my older sister, has always been taller than me.
6. James is just as skilled an archer as her.
7. The three dogs playing in the grass all belong to hers.
8. Among Molly, Tony, and he lies a great divide of experience.
9. Me and my friends drove to the beach every weekend during the summer.
10. Us students think that the honor code should be reinstated to protect the school's academic integrity.
11. My parents decided to hire movers to carry the furniture into the new house— my parents had to accept that the movers are stronger than them.
12. Between my sister and I, my sister is the more talkative one.

Choose the correct pronoun case from the following options.

1. Our neighbors' dogs don't bark this loudly in the middle of the night; my dogs are the usual culprits. Frankly theirs are more well-trained and obedient than I.  
A. NO CHANGE  
B. mine  
C. my ones  
D. their
2. His niece grew so much over the summer that she is now taller than him.  
A. NO CHANGE  
B. his  
C. he  
D. them
3. Every year, it's tradition for me and my siblings to take a photo showing how our heights differ.  
A. NO CHANGE  
B. for mine  
C. for our  
D. for I
4. Although it's clear that his mom cheers louder than his dad at his basketball games, his dad cheers just as often as her.  
A. NO CHANGE  
B. she  
C. them  
D. her does
5. The professor assigned my group and I our topic for the cumulative research project.  
A. NO CHANGE  
B. my group and me  
C. the group, and I  
D. mine group
6. Though she won't admit it, her brother is one of her closest confidants and she supports him as much as him.  
A. NO CHANGE  
B. as much as he does her  
C. as many as him  
D. so much as him does
7. The files stacked on the desk are left for we to finish organizing.  
A. NO CHANGE  
B. are left for our  
C. we left  
D. are left for us
8. Charlie baked a cake and saved a piece for I to eat.  
A. NO CHANGE  
B. a piece for mine  
C. a piece for me  
D. a piece for my
9. To most, the charcoal pencils all look the same on the shelf, but to trained artists like Leah and Delilah, the differences are apparent to her.  
A. NO CHANGE  
B. apparent to she  
C. apparent to them  
D. apparent
10. Rey brought a basket of freshly picked fruit and gave it to Andy and I.  
A. NO CHANGE  
B. Andy and me  
C. I and him  
D. mine and Andy

**ANSWER KEY**

1. He brought my group and **me** extra dry-erase markers.
2. Without a valid barcode on the ticket, **he** cannot be admitted into the venue.
3. The gallery's contemporary collection was curated by **me**.
4. **She** and her mom have traveled to twenty countries together.
5. Stephanie, my older sister, has always been taller than **I**.
6. James is just as skilled an archer as **she**.
7. The three dogs playing in the grass all belong to **her**.
8. Among Molly, Tony, and **him** lies a great divide of experience. (Here, it may be tough to "hear" that "among" goes with "him" if you cover up "Molly, Tony, and..." -- but you know "among" is a preposition, and prepositions such as by, for, between, among, and except ALWAYS take object case, not subject case. Thus the answer is "him.")
9. **My friends and I\*** drove to the beach every weekend during the summer.  
\*("I and my friends" would be better than "Me and my friends" if no other choices available)
10. **We** students think that the honor code should be reinstated to protect the school's academic integrity.
11. My parents decided to hire movers to carry the furniture into the new house-- my parents had to accept that the movers are stronger than **they**. (The word "they" could also be seen as ambiguous-- if possible make these pronouns more clear. If not possible, at least choose both in subject case)
12. Between my sister and **me**, my sister is the more talkative one. (Here, it may be tough to "hear" that between goes with "me" if you cover up "my sister and..." -- but you know "between" is a preposition, and prepositions such as between, among, and except ALWAYS take object case, not subject case. Thus the answer is "me" not "I.")

**ANSWER KEY**

1. B    2. C    3. A    4. B    5. B    6. B    7. D    8. C    9. C    10. B

**ANSWER EXPLANATIONS**

1. B      The possessive case “mine” must be used in this sentence to show ownership of whose dogs usually bark the loudest.
2. C      The subjective case “he” is used in this sentence because the comparison follows that “she is taller than he is.”
3. A      This sentence appropriately uses the objective case “me.” The preposition “for” needs an “object of the preposition” -- as the name states this should be in object case not subject case. Ideally, the “me” would come after the siblings (first person is more polite when it comes second, i.e. “my siblings and me”) but in this case, you can’t change the order of the words so “me” is the best choice we have here.
4. B      The subjective case “she” is used in this sentence because the comparison follows that “he cheers him on just as much as she does.”
5. B      To identify the proper case, remove “my group and” from the compound structure. The objective case “me” is used in this sentence and reads “The professor assigned ... me” the topic.
6. B      The subjective case “he” is used in this sentence because the comparison follows that “she supports him as much as he does her.” It may sound somewhat awkward, but in these comparison cases, the “he” must match the “she” in case. We can swap the place of the she and the he to make sure we are in the right case for both.
7. D      In this sentence the object pronoun “us” receives the action of the verb “left.”
8. C      In this sentence the object pronoun “me” receives the action of the verb “saved.”
9. D      “To them” is actually redundant in this case. True, this question is not really testing pronoun case, but you must be aware that other rules may be at play at the same time. In any case, here we have “to trained artists...” which already is a “to” phrase indicated who this applies to. We don’t need to have redundant pronoun phrases and in such cases, using no pronoun or omitting the phrase is best.
10. B      To identify the proper case, remove “Andy and” from the compound structure. The objective case “me” is used in this sentence and reads “Rey brought ... me.”