

The Writing Center

DLA: Pronoun Agreement



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Student Name:

Important Note

To get completion credit for this DLA, make sure you complete all the required activities. If you'd like help while working on a specific DLA, you can meet with a specialist at the Writing Center. Keep in mind that you might need to schedule a second appointment to review your work, check your understanding, and get your completion credit. You can only review **ONE** DLA per appointment. (Check the last section of this DLA for information on making your appointment and receiving completion credit for your work).

Activities (approximately 1 hour)

Read the information, complete the activities that follow, and be prepared to discuss your answers when you meet with a tutor.

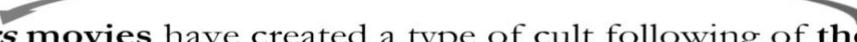
Understanding Pronoun-Antecedent Agreement

Terms to know or review:

- **Pronoun:** a word that substitutes a noun
- **Antecedent:** the word or words that a pronoun replaces

Examples of pronouns and their antecedents:


Yoda is a Jedi Master. **He** has exceptional skills in lightsaber combat.


Fans of the **Star Wars movies** have created a type of cult following of **them**.

Why do we have problems with pronoun agreement?

Language evolves and it has been proposed that usage may change pronouns like *everyone* from singular to plural in the near future. We run into problems with pronoun agreement because we hear this error all of the time on the radio and in live news broadcasts; however, pronoun agreement has quite a simple concept:

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

0. Pre-activity PowerPoint

Go to <https://www.mtsac.edu/writingcenter/dlas.html>. Select the Pronoun Agreement DLA and review the [Pronoun Agreement PowerPoint](#).

Activities

Check off each box once you have completed the activity.

1. Online Quiz

Go to <http://tinyurl.com/pronounagreementdlaquiz> and take the DLA quiz. You must score at least 75% on the quiz before meeting with a specialist. After you complete the task, please take a screenshot of the page that has your score and show it to your specialist. Do not exit the quiz until you take the screenshot.

2. *Pronoun Agreement Review*

Review the information above on pronoun agreement. Then answer the following questions.

What is a pronoun?

What is an antecedent?

3. *Find Pronoun Antecedent Agreement*

Go to <http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Yoda> and read the blog entry about *Star Wars*' character Yoda. Note: Because this site is used for entertainment, it may contain grammatical and mechanical errors. Locate five sentences that demonstrate correct or incorrect pronoun agreement and write the sentences below. Make sure the antecedent and its pronoun are in the same sentence. Next identify the pronoun and antecedent in each sentence.

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Choose 4a or 4b Below

4a. Review Your Own Writing

Collect some of your graded work that identifies faulty pronoun antecedent agreement. Correct all marked errors and look for others to correct as well. Bring this revised work with you to the DLA tutoring session.

If you do not have your own essay to work with, please complete the supplemental activity below (5b).

4b. Choose the Correct Pronoun

Read the following sentences and **highlight** the pronoun that agrees with its antecedent.

1. Each commanding member of the Trade Federation had a droid army given to (him or her, them).
2. When a traveler passes the Mos Eisley Cantina, (you, he or she, they) should ignore the strange characters within.
3. The pod racer or one of our droids has lost both of (its, their) power thrusters.
4. As the Gungan Bongo Submarine crossed Lake Paonga, one of the passengers lost (his, their) lightsaber.
5. Every fan at the Boonta Classic was rooting for (his or her, their) racer pilot.
6. When a racer has lost, (he or she, they) can become rather frustrated.
7. The Rebel Alliance gathered at (their, its) secret command center.
8. Anyone in the Jedi order can use (their, his or her) lightsaber as a quiet threat.
9. The Trade Federation formed (its, their) own private military.
10. Neither Luke Skywalker nor Princess Leia knew (his, her, his or her, their) father was Darth Vader.

5. Review the DLA/Receive Completion Credit

1. Go to [EAB Navigate](#) and make an appointment (online or in-person).
2. Attend your session and be prepared to explain your understanding of the information you've learned in the DLA. Consider the main concept you learned and how you might use this in your future assignments/classes.
3. If your professor asks you to provide proof, you can review the "appointment summary report" through EAB Navigate (app or desktop). You will find all Writing Center appointments under "appointment summary reports" (app or desktop). Look for the summary report for your DLA appointment. This is where your writing specialist will indicate the title of your DLA and state whether it is "completed" or "not completed." If it is marked as "not completed," book a follow up appointment to complete.

Note: Appointment summary reports are also sent weekly to your instructor on record. If there is an issue, please contact us at writingcenter@mtsac.edu or (909) 274-5325.

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