**Section 8 – Pronoun/antecedent agreement**

Correct the pronoun so it matches its antecedent in number and gender. Mark OK if a sentence is correct as written. Be sure you know which rule you are using.

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2. Someone left their book bag on the football team bus.
3. When the bride and groom went on their honeymoon, the weather was gorgeous.
4. After the committee submitted their report, the board will make the final decision.
5. The phenomena may remain a mystery because no one is doing any research on it.
6. The Student Council candidate’s speech was inspiring, but he didn’t receive a standing ovation.
7. None of the other candidates had prepared his or her speech as thoroughly.
8. The Journalism Education Association will have their convention in San Francisco in a couple of years.
9. Neither student was ready to hand in their final exam until the bell rang.
10. Either the sauce or the meatballs must have more salt in its ingredients.

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1. Everyone in both schools is excited and cheering for his or her team. (OK -- “everyone” may seem plural, but grammatically, it’s singular.)
2. Someone left his book bag on the football team bus. (“Someone” always takes a singular pronoun.)
3. When the bride and groom went on their honeymoon, the weather was gorgeous. (OK)
4. After the committee submitted its report, the board will make the final decision. (“Committee” may have several members, but it’s one collective -- singular -- noun.)
5. The phenomena may remain a mystery because no one is doing any research on them. (One of those words with a foreign original -- “phenomena” is plural and “phenomenon” is singular.)
6. The Student Council candidate’s speech was inspiring, but it didn’t receive a standing ovation. (The antecedent is “speech,” not “candidate,” so it’s gender neutral.)
7. None of the other candidates had prepared his or her speech as thoroughly. (OK -- “none” is always singular -- think “not one.”)
8. The Journalism Education Association will have its convention in San Francisco in a couple of years. (One organization = its)
9. Neither student was ready to hand in his or her final exam until the bell rang. (Think “neither” = not one or the other. So it’s singular.)
10. Either the sauce or the meatballs must have more salt in their ingredients. (Either - Or constructions require the pronoun or verb to match the closest antecedent.)