

PRONOUN REVIEW PROMPTS: GUIDE AND ANSWER KEY

1. When someone visits Paris for the first time, you should see the Eiffel Tower.

Pronoun shift error. "Someone" → "you" shifts from third to second person. Fix: "When someone visits Paris for the first time, they should see the Eiffel Tower."

2. The committee members voiced their concerns about the new policy.

Correct. Plural "members" agrees with plural "their."

3. When you read the instructions carefully, one can avoid making simple mistakes.

Pronoun shift error. "You" → "one" shifts from second to third person. Fix: "When you read the instructions carefully, you can avoid making simple mistakes."

4. Each of the students submitted their application before the deadline.

Agreement error. "Each" is singular; "their" is plural. Fix: "Each of the students submitted his or her application before the deadline."

5. Every doctor must renew his license every two years.

Non-inclusive pronoun. "His" excludes female doctors. Fix: "Every doctor must renew his or her license every two years."

6. In the novel, it describes a world where technology controls every aspect of daily life.

Missing/vague antecedent. "It" has no clear referent. Fix: "The novel describes a world where technology controls every aspect of daily life."

7. The documentary follows three travelers as they adjust to life in America.

Correct. Plural "travelers" agrees with plural "they."

8. Both of the sisters brought their friends to the party.

Correct. Plural "sisters" agrees with plural "their."