

Choose the letter of the underlined word or group of words that is not correct.

- _____ 6. Temperature indicates on a bimetallic thermometer by the amount that the bimetallic strip bends.
A B C D

- _____ 7. Many of the food consumed by penguins consists of fish obtained from the ocean.
A B C D

- _____ 8. Before the newspaper became widespread, a town crier has walked throughout a village or town singing out the news.
A B C D

- _____ 9. All of NASA's manned spacecraft project are headquartered at the Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center in Houston.
A B C D

- _____ 10. Fungi cause more serious plant diseased than do other parasites.
A B C D

PROBLEMS WITH PRONOUNS _____

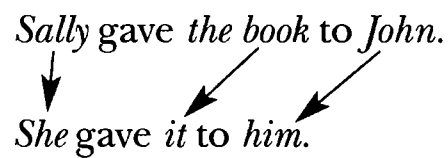
Pronouns are words, such as *he*, *she*, or *it*, that take the place of nouns. When you see a pronoun in written expression questions on the TOEFL test, you need to check that it serves the correct function in the sentence (as a subject or object, for example) and that it agrees with the noun it is replacing. The following pronoun problems are the most common on the TOEFL test: (1) distinguishing subject and object pronouns, (2) distinguishing possessive pronouns and possessive adjectives, and (3) checking pronoun reference for agreement.

SKILL 43: DISTINGUISH SUBJECT AND OBJECT PRONOUNS

Subject and object pronouns can be confused on the TOEFL test, so you should be able to recognize these two types of pronouns:

SUBJECT	OBJECT
<i>I</i>	<i>me</i>
<i>you</i>	<i>you</i>
<i>he</i>	<i>him</i>
<i>she</i>	<i>her</i>
<i>it</i>	<i>it</i>
<i>we</i>	<i>us</i>
<i>they</i>	<i>them</i>

A subject pronoun is used as the subject of a verb. An object pronoun can be used as the object of a verb or the object of a preposition. Compare the following two sentences.

Sally gave the book to John.

She gave it to him.

In the second sentence the subject pronoun *she* is replacing the noun *Sally*. The object of the verb *it* is replacing the noun *book*, and the object of the preposition *him* is replacing the noun *John*.

The following are examples of the types of subject or object pronoun errors that you might see on the TOEFL test.

*Him** and the girl are going shopping.
 The gift was intended for you and *I**.

In the first example, the object pronoun *him* is incorrect because this pronoun serves as the subject of the sentence. The object pronoun *him* should be changed to the subject pronoun *he*. It can be difficult to recognize that *him* is the subject because the verb *are* has a double subject, *him* and *girl*. In the second example, the subject pronoun *I* is incorrect because this pronoun serves as the object of the preposition *for*. The subject pronoun *I* should be changed to the object pronoun *me*. It can be difficult to recognize that *I* is the object of the preposition *for* because the preposition *for* has two objects: the correct object *you* and the incorrect object *I*.

EXERCISE 43: Each of the following sentences contains at least one subject or object pronoun. Circle the pronouns. Then indicate if the sentences are correct (C) or incorrect (I).

- C 1. The worst problem with (it) is that (he) cannot afford (it).
- I 2. (They) saw Steve and (I) at the movies last night after class.
- _____ 3. Perhaps you would like to go to the seminar with they and their friends.
- _____ 4. The mother took her son to the doctor's office because he was feeling sick.
- _____ 5. I did not know that you and her were working together on the project.
- _____ 6. She did not buy the sweater because it had a small hole in it.
- _____ 7. The man leading the seminar gave me all the information I needed to make a decision.
- _____ 8. The cords connecting the computer to its printer need to be replaced before them wear down.
- _____ 9. He is going to the party with you and me if you do not mind.
- _____ 10. You and her ought to return the books to the library because they are already overdue.