

Aggie Grammar Guide: Pronouns

Intermediate Practice

Each of the following sentences contains one or more errors related to pronoun use. Fix the mistakes to make the sentences grammatical.

Please note, there may be multiple revision options although you will see only one option in the answer key. Compare your revision to the one provided and determine if one is more effective.

Example 1: *In order to prepare yourself for the first year of college, I plan on taking advantage of all the resources Davis has to offer.*

Answer 1: *In order to prepare **myself** for the first year of college, I plan on taking advantage of all the resources Davis has to offer.*

Example 2: *In order to stay in a healthy physical condition, athletes are crucial to not consume excess calories than the body needs.*

Answer 2: *In order to stay in a healthy physical condition, **it is crucial for athletes** to not consume excess calories than the body needs.*

- 1) As a human being, we all tend to trust reliable sources for our big decisions such as buying a house, going to college, or choosing a job.
- 2) Raquel Cepeda writes about how when someone identify as a Latino or Hispanic person, many people automatically assume that that person is Mexican.
- 3) There are few dashes in the feature articles, but the feature articles like to use appositives and relative clauses. Appositives and relative clauses are very common when it references one person's story or personal experience.
- 4) Because there are always text and a few pictures in an article, dividing the context into small subsets helps the reader easy to read, and it does not seem too dense for readers.

- 5) No matter how small a decision may seem, they will have a great impact on the path you're taking to achieve success.

- 6) It made me think of how great of an impact a simple essay written by a college student admitting their fear of belonging would have on incoming freshmen whom may be going through the same thing upperclassmen went through in the past.

- 7) The University of Texas at Austin should be able to communicate honestly and effectively towards its students and say how it's going to impact them and ways they can help.

- 8) When students are told beforehand that people in the past have felt the same way as you and that they were able to get over it, it gives the reader confidence that if they did it, so can I, making students more likely to succeed in college and high school and making the dropout rate lower.

Advanced Practice

The following sentences are all grammatical in some variety of English, but some of them are not grammatical in academic/formal English. Rewrite the sentences to make them acceptable in academic/formal English, and remember that not every sentence will need revising.

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Example: *When about 500 students were surveyed by my group and I, we asked them if they identified themselves as feminists.*

Revision: *When about 500 students were surveyed by my group and **me**, we asked them if they identified themselves as feminists.*

- 1) The more a student feels like they belong, the more motivated they will be to work hard and achieve their goals.
- 2) With the structure of beginning in ISS, meeting his crewmates, and seeing the ship, it is very easy to know exactly what is his time in space like.
- 3) I plan to make sure my professors recognize my face and see in me someone who is dedicated to their education.
- 4) Many of the students in a community college come from low-income families (in which they could not afford to pay for a four-year university); therefore, they cannot come to their families for help and need the extra push of hope and inspiration.
- 5) Not only did I like his style of writing, but throughout this chapter I felt like Mr. Zinn and me had similar perspectives.
- 6) As a native Chinese speaker, I found a lot of similarities between Kingston and me about speaking English as a second language freshman year in an American college.
- 7) There is no need to investigate who Fortunato's murderer is due to the fact that Montresor directly confesses his crime to the audience.
- 8) It's not worth it to let students struggle with these negative effects when they only get limited improvement to their physical health.