

**Ensuring Pronoun-Antecedent Agreement with  
*And, Or, and Nor* (Rules 2 s, t)**

**EXERCISE A** On the line provided in each sentence, write a pronoun that agrees with its antecedent or antecedents.

- EXAMPLES** 1. Both Debra and Stephanie invited their parents.  
 2. Do you know if Joseph or Conrad will bring his guitar to the hayride?

1. Neither Julian nor Kevin memorized \_\_\_\_\_ speech.
2. Both Carla and Annie wanted \_\_\_\_\_ own bikes.
3. Heidi and Sara spent \_\_\_\_\_ allowances on birthday gifts.
4. Marie or Tonya will bring \_\_\_\_\_ CD player to the party.
5. John and Bryan took \_\_\_\_\_ dogs to the park.
6. Wendy or Karen will read \_\_\_\_\_ poem to the seminar.
7. Both the new bicycle and the new car got \_\_\_\_\_ first dents on the same day.
8. Phil, Leon, or Mario will bring \_\_\_\_\_ parents.
9. The tractor and the flatbed wagon had mud all over \_\_\_\_\_ wheels.
10. Neither Nikki nor Jacqui forgets to wear \_\_\_\_\_ seat belt in the car.
11. Will the Senate or the House pass \_\_\_\_\_ version of the bill first?
12. Both the senator and the representative from our district have said \_\_\_\_\_ will support the President's position.
13. I wish I could remember whether the Thai restaurant or the Mexican restaurant was providing \_\_\_\_\_ services for my brother's wedding.
14. Was it Todd, Martin, or Sylvester who told you that \_\_\_\_\_ would lend you his tennis racket?
15. Sybil, Gordon, and Ms. Tanaka all said that \_\_\_\_\_ would contribute.
16. After submitting a story to the anthology, neither Leo, Glen, nor Jim was certain that \_\_\_\_\_ story would be accepted.
17. As they watched oil leaking from the crankcase, both Steve and Judy knew that \_\_\_\_\_ concern for the car was justified.
18. Before they all came to class, I wondered if Brad, his father, or Mr. Gee would remember to bring \_\_\_\_\_ notebook.
19. Before Martin and Julia got married, \_\_\_\_\_ asked the minister to hold the ceremony in the morning.
20. Every time Joan Sutherland or Maria Callas sang, \_\_\_\_\_ held the audience spellbound.

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**EXERCISE B** On the lines provided, rewrite each of the following sentences to avoid joining singular and plural antecedents or antecedents of different genders.

**EXAMPLES** 1. Neither Mr. Marks nor the Talbots will be taking their car to the movies. *Mr. Marks will not be taking his car to the movies, nor will the Talbots be taking theirs.*

2. Either Iola or Chuck will give the teacher her or his assignment first. *Either Iola will give the teacher her assignment first, or Chuck will give the teacher his.*

1. Either Jennifer or Walter will be bringing her or his catcher's mitt to the softball game.

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2. Either Joseph or the Wongs will surprise us with their special recipe at the dinner party.

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3. Neither Christopher nor Louise submitted his or her story to the student newspaper.

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4. I suppose that neither Clancy nor the Donovans will be willing to give us their account of what happened.

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