

Pronoun Referencing

- Some Rules
- Practice





Some rules:

- Pronoun is usually used instead of noun.
- Have to compare the prior sentence with the next sentence.
- Pronoun as a subject of the next sentence indicates the subject of prior subject.
 - Use pronoun as a subject of the next sentence if the subjects of both sentences are same.
 - Use noun if the subjects of both sentences are different.
- The sentence may contain with wrong pronoun
 - Correct the wrong pronoun.
- The sentence may contain with any missing noun/ pronoun
 - Write the missing noun/pronoun.
- Right use of relative pronoun.
- Pronoun [possessive] + noun



PRONOUN REFERENCING [PRACTICE]

1. Identify the unclear pronoun references in the following paragraph. Where necessary, rewrite the sentence so that all pronoun references are clear.

Once, at the invitation of King Jalal Uddin Saiyuti, Sheikh Sa'adi was going to his court. On the way night fell, and to pass it, Sa'adi took shelter in the house of a noble man. He did not show much hospitality as Sa'adi was in a very simple dress. When returning from the King's court, he took shelter in the house of the same noble man: but this time Sa'adi put on costly dress gifted by him. It changed the attitude of the noble man towards Sa'adi and he behaved well and gave much more attention than before.

2. Identify the unclear pronoun references in the following paragraph. Where necessary, rewrite the sentence so that all pronoun references are clear.

Once there was a king who had a beautiful garden in his palace, and in it stood a tree which bore golden apples. They were always counted, and about the time when they grow ripe it was found that every night one of them was gone. He became very angry and ordered the Gardener to keep watch all night under the tree. He set his eldest son to watch: but about twelve o'clock he fell asleep: and in the morning one more apple was missing. The next day, the second son was ordered to watch: and at midnight they too fell asleep.

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Everyone knows that illiteracy is one of the greatest problems of Bangladesh. He does not know much about the world and one is very often compared to a frog in a well. As a result of this, he remains unemployed and becomes a burden to his family. This creates problems for his family as well as his country. It is high time you came forward to solve the illiteracy problem in order to ensure a Bangladesh free from poverty.

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At first, the other sailors were furious with the Mariner for having killed the bird who made the breezes blow. But when the fog lifted soon afterward, the sailors decided that the bird had actually brought not the breezes but the fog, he now congratulated the Mariner on his deed. The wind pushed the ship into a silent sea where the sailors were quickly stranded; the winds died down, and it was "As idle as painted ship upon a painted ocean." It thickened, and the men had no water to drink." The sailors blamed the Mariner for his plight and hung the corpse of the Albatross around his neck like a cross.

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Politicians always give high hopes to the common people. They also give them the assurances that they will solve all the problems if they are elected. They raise a storm over a tea cup about those problems and their solutions. They are habituated in giving false commitments. But when they come to power, they forget these to the people. Common people are puppets in the hands of them. Most play tricks with the people. But they should sincerely do something for the people who have elected them. They should work for the sake of them because they have a lot of expectations from them.

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Once two women came to King Solomon's court with a baby and each of them claimed that they were the mother of that baby. He thought for a while and got a brilliant idea. He ordered one of his men to cut the baby into two equal

halves and give one half to them. The real mother of the baby became very nervous by this, but the other woman was totally untouched by the event. The king noticed the change in the face of her and handed over the baby to her and punished the other woman.

8. Identify the unclear pronoun references in the following paragraph. Where necessary, rewrite the sentence so that all pronoun references are clear.

A long time ago, there lived a king who was famous for their wisdom through all the land. Nothing was hidden for him and one seemed as if news of the most secret things had been brought to him through the air. But every day after the dinner, a loyal servant had to bring him one more dish which he never took at the presence of anyone. It was always covered and even he did not know what was in it. This had gone on for a long time, when one day the servant was overcome with such curiosity that he could not help carrying it into his room.

9. Identify the unclear pronoun references in the following paragraph. Where necessary rewrite the sentence so that all pronoun references are clear.

Rickshaw is a common vehicle in Bangladesh. It is paddled by him. He who pulls a rickshaw is a rickshaw puller. He lives in the slum area of the city. He supports it through great hardship. He is to undergo hard labour. His sorrows know no bounds. There is no time table of it. He usually pulls his rickshaw from morning to midnight. Usually, he lives a poor life which is under poverty level. We can better his condition if we evaluate him. It is our duty to be sympathetic towards him. Our kind behaviour may lead them to a happy and prosperous direction.

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Mr. Robertson is a lawyer. He doesn't like people which talk too much. He herself prefers to speak very little. He doesn't have a beard but he has an enormous moustache of whom he is very proud. He says it makes him look important. He is in his fifties and loves to eat. But he doesn't eat too much because it creates various complications in our body. He is a serious person but sometimes he can make you laugh.

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The Taj Mahal is surrounded by a beautiful garden and it is a long pool that stretches out in front of the building. He can see the beauty of the Taj Mahal in this reflection in the pool water. Visitors come to see these wonderful building at different times of the day since it assumes a different look at different times. Most people like this best on moonlit nights.

12. Identify the unclear pronoun references in the following paragraph. Where necessary rewrite the sentence so that all pronoun references are clear.

Einstein was very simple in his way of life and indifferent to his great fame. Once the Queen of Belgium invited her to Brussels. When he got down from the train of Brussels, they could not think that there were actually many gorgeously dressed officials to receive him at the station. The officials also expected to see somebody which would appear to be rich and aristocratic to him. They never imagined that this shabby man would be Einstein herself.

13. Identify the unclear pronoun references in the following paragraph. Where necessary rewrite the sentences so that all pronoun references are clear.

In order to know whether a nation is rich or poor, he does not need to count the number of its palatial buildings and monuments or the number of those people which enjoy a standard of living. It is enough for him to count the number of their literate people. The rate of literacy or illiteracy in a country determines whether the country is rich or poor, developed or underdeveloped. Illiteracy is a curse because it keeps people ignorant and detaches him from the world. This takes him to the level no better than that of a beast.

14. Identify the unclear pronoun references in the following paragraph. Where necessary rewrite the sentence so that all pronoun references are clear.

A cook once roasted a duck for its master. He looked so delicious that he could not resist the temptation and ate up one of the drumsticks. When he sat down to eat the meal, he quickly noticed the missing leg. He asked him what had happened to the other leg. The cook told him that it had one leg only. The master said that there was no such thing as a one-legged duck but the cook insisted that every duck had only one leg.

15. Identify the unclear pronoun references in the following paragraph. Where necessary rewrite the sentence so that all pronoun references are clear.

Bipa was drowned with a cry. But her cry was inaudible owing to the Puja bustle. As did not see her in the feasting lines, I went and searched for her here and there. I rushed to her house and could not find there. Then we all searched for her. When we went the pond, they saw her corpse floating on the water; I jumped into the water and carried her body on the bank. The doctor came and he declared her dead. I was so sad that could not speak a word. My heart was crying within. When I saw her mother and sister come I burst into tears. She was wailing, they were bereaved and their sorrow knew no bounds. Then the funeral procession began with a sad music. This was the saddest day in my life and perhaps in the whole of my life until now.

16. Identify the unclear pronoun references in the following paragraph. Where necessary rewrite the sentence so that all pronoun references are clear.

Life is full of struggles. These are quite normal in any one's life as it is not a bed of roses. Certainly, it has ups and downs. A man has to face innumerable barriers in his life. Sometimes, he can overcome those but sometimes he fails to combat them. He may be born with silver spoon without any trouble. But even then he has to overcome a lot of such to be successful in life. In other words, life is full of challenges. If he cannot fight them successfully, his life becomes full of sorrows. Though the scholars differ in giving the definition of life, they are unanimous that obstacles are the ways of life. In fact, a man has to undergo many in his life.

17. Identify the unclear pronoun references in the following paragraph. Where necessary rewrite the sentence so that all pronoun references are clear.

In our country, people have different views about woman. The majority cannot consider men and women on equal terms. They are treated either with a feeling of compassion or they are deprived of their rights. Ignorance and very frequently illiteracy, among us are the main reasons behind this type of attitude. It is true that as general rule girls whether from poor or rich families are much loved and cared for by the father and brothers. We also need to remember that these are often denied by another woman. We first have to make them aware of the great harm they are doing. In the matter of attitude women need to face men folk with the expectation of being treated rightly as women.

18. Identify the unclear pronoun references in the following paragraph. Where necessary rewrite the sentence so that all pronoun references are clear.

Once there were two friends, a grocer and a fruit-seller. The grocer was intelligent, the later was dishonest. One day he borrowed a balance and weights from him. After a few days, he told his friend to return his balance and weights. The fruit-seller showed a lame excuse and said that a rat had eaten away its balance and weights. It made the fruit-seller very angry.

19. Identify the unclear pronoun references in the following paragraph. Where necessary rewrite the sentence so that all pronoun references are clear.

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Childhood seems to be the golden period of one's life when he becomes adult and recollects the memory of being a child. It is very sweet to call up them. If you often look back on one's boyhood days, they will surely turn you back to that. There is hardly any man he does not feel passionate while thinking about their childhood day. These are an excellent asset to any passionate person.

21. Identify the unclear pronoun references in the following paragraph. Where necessary rewrite the sentence so that all pronoun references are clear.

Once upon a time, there lived a poor widow. She had a son. He was foolish. One day, the widow told him to sell the calf. It was their only asset. The boy took the calf to the market. But he could not sell them. An old man took the calf for three pea-nuts. In the evening the boy returned home with those pea-nuts. She got furious to see it. She threw away the peanuts out of the window. Next morning, he saw a big nut tree beside their house. He climbed up the tree. He saw a big palace on the top of the tree.

22. Identify the unclear pronoun references in the following paragraph. Where necessary rewrite the sentence so that all pronoun references are clear.

Once upon a time an old lady lost his eyesight. Then she called in a doctor and said to them, "I will give you a rich reward if he can cure my eye sight." The doctor started the treatment. But she was very greedy. He was attracted by the valuable things in the lady's house. The doctor used to steal the things away every day. The lady got back her eyesight by this time. When the doctor demanded it the old lady said that she did not get back her eyesight as she could not see any valuable thing in her house.

23. Identify the unclear pronoun references in the following paragraph. Where necessary rewrite the sentence so that all pronoun references are clear.

A beggar is person that begs from door to door. There are some beggars who beg on streets. He is called street beggars. It is not a profession. It is a social problem. They are the ignoble persons in the society. Though they earn money by begging, they do not contribute to it.

24. Identify the unclear pronoun references in the following paragraph. Where necessary rewrite the sentence so that all pronoun references are clear.

Teaching is a profession what is full of challenge. I want to be a teacher because you like working with children. But my father argues that one cannot make much money from it. He wants me to look after their farms instead. Actually, I want to own a farm in future. I think it is a good idea to have farm experience before buying it.

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Reading comprehension questions test develops your ability to understand a passage and answer questions on the basis of what is stated and implied in it. One needs to read the passage first so that you can identify the main idea of the passage. If the learners are not clear of the main idea of the passage, it will be really hard for them to answer the questions. It is because most of them are done based on it.

26. Identify the unclear pronoun references in the following paragraph. Where necessary rewrite the sentence so that all pronoun references are clear.

The Liberation War of Bangladesh is a memorable event in our national life. She achieved her independence through sacrifice and bloodshed. It is the birth right of a man. On the night of March 25, 1971, the Pakistan army fell upon the unarmed sleeping Bengalese. But they were not cowards. They built up strong resistance against them. They fought

with courage for nine months. After nine months' bloody war and the sacrifice of the freedom fighters, the red sun of independence rose in our soil on the 16th December 1971. Now we remember them with great respect.

27. Identify the unclear pronoun references in the following paragraph. Where necessary rewrite the sentence so that all pronoun references are clear.

Character is the most valuable thing in our life. It is called the crown of human life. There are some noble qualities that distinguish a good man from a bad man. A man who cherishes these can be successful in his life. A man of character is respected everywhere. Many people do not know how much valuable it is. A man will be loser if he loses his character. A man without it is like a beast. He has no moral scruple and is capable of doing any evil thing. Nobody likes an unscrupulous person. Everybody likes a man who has good character. He is like a beacon-light and one of the moral forces of the world.

28. Identify the unclear pronoun references in the following paragraph. Where necessary rewrite the sentence so that all pronoun references are clear.

Once a king ordered his cook to prepare a delicious duck roast. When it was cooked, he could not resist his temptation and ate one of the legs of a roasted duck. When he sat down to eat, he found one of the legs of the duck was missing and so, he asked the cook about it. But the cook said that it had only one leg. At this, the king got furious and said that there was no such thing as a one legged duck.

29. Identify the unclear pronoun references in the following paragraph. Where necessary rewrite the sentence so that all pronoun references are clear.

Tension means mental, emotional and nervous strain. When a man feels tension, it becomes unfriendly towards others and which may develop into conflict. According to the physicians, tension is the source of disease. There is no man in the world without her. But over tension is harmful for health. If a man wants to be free from tension, it has to remain busy in various activities. An active man always avoids him by remaining busy in his works.

30. Identify the unclear pronoun references in the following paragraph. Where necessary rewrite the sentence so that all pronoun references are clear.

The countries of the world have their own histories. They are recorded through the researches of scholars in various ages. They are called historians. It is done very carefully with proof of diverse ways conforming the truth. As clouds cannot hide the sun forever, lies cannot envelope it for a long time. Today or tomorrow, it must flee away and truth will reign the ages.

31. Identify the unclear pronoun references in the following paragraph. Where necessary rewrite the sentence so that all pronoun references are clear.

Capital punishment is a controversial matter of the present time. It is a matter of debate whether capital punishment should be allowed in modern societies. Many countries have already withdrawn capital punishment from its legal systems. Still capital punishment is considered an essential part of justice in many countries. People against it argue that capital punishment is something irrevocable. They can devoid a man of their life but cannot give it to a man. So, it is not right to take away something that we cannot return.

32. Identify the unclear pronoun references in the following paragraph. Where necessary rewrite the sentence so that all pronoun references are clear.

Once upon a time, there lived a rich man who bought a necklace and a ring for his wife. Unfortunately, it was lost. In the meantime, a few servants passed by the house. The house husband suspected that he might steal the necklace. They lodged a complaint with the judge against the servants. The court brought a charge of theft against them and he was summoned to the court in due date. But they did not confess the guilt. On the contrary, they raised a protest against it.

33. Identify the unclear pronoun references in the following paragraph. Where necessary rewrite the sentence so that all pronoun references are clear.

Education is the birth right of every man. But even then many people in our country are deprived of this for many reasons. They are unconscious and unskilled for want of it. For this, they are unable not only to develop their family, but also unable to play any role for the development of the society or the state. If the people are not properly educated, that is not possible. So, the more we can educate our people, the more the country will be developed.

With a view to developing human resource, the government has given many incentives in the field of expanding the primary and the secondary education. We must ensure these for every child of the country.

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Travelling is a part of education. This means going from place to place. One can enhance their knowledge by going from place to place. This gives one the opportunity to see the unseen and know the unknown. Some people are averse to travelling. This limits his vision. However, by travelling different parts of the world, our knowledge may be enriched.

36. Identify the unclear pronoun references in the following paragraph. Where necessary rewrite the sentence so that all pronoun references are clear.

Nelson Mandela was the greatest leader of South Africa. In fact it was one of the greatest leaders of the world. All its life he struggled against apartheid. This was government policy of racial segregation. The Europeans were separated from the non-Europeans. The blacks were treated cruelly. Those were aliens in its own country.

37. Identify the unclear pronoun references in the following paragraph. Where necessary rewrite the sentence so that all pronoun references are clear.

When it has no hope left for the young, he generally becomes addicted to drugs for temporary pleasure. It carries him to an unreal world of dreams. But slowly it leads him to death. As a result, a large number of rosy possibilities of our young are nipped in the bud. Moreover, they often feel drowsy and lose appetite. It may also damage their brains and all the internal functions of their body and ultimately lead them to it.

38. Identify the unclear pronoun references in the following paragraph. Where necessary rewrite the sentence so that all pronoun references are clear.

The Queen of Sheba heard much about the grandeur of Solomon's court and the worldwide reputation of his learning and wisdom. Attracted by such reports, she came to test it. She brought with her two garlands of flowers – one natural and the other artificial. She placed it before the king and asked him to differentiate the natural one from the other. Solomon was puzzled for a while, but he could select the natural one by noticing some bees humming over them.

39. Identify the unclear pronoun references in the following paragraph. Where necessary rewrite the sentence so that all pronoun references are clear.

Smoking is a serious bad habit. The dangers of this beggar description. The dangers they have to face severe are health hazards. It is one of the most dreadful habits practiced by human being. By practicing such a bad habit it harms not only oneself but also others around. A smoker has to face a lot of incurable diseases. Lung cancer, bronchitis are two of that. So, everyone should be conscious of the dreadful consequences of smoking.

40. Identify the unclear pronoun references in the following paragraph. Where necessary rewrite the sentence so that all pronoun references are clear.

Many people think that poverty is a great evil who makes life a hell. On the other hand, money can make him feel happy. But it is not true. If we investigate a poor man, we may find happiness in him, but if we do the same for the rich, we may find unhappiness in her. For this, we often say that they are not always happy. Actually it consists in contentment.

