**Pronouns and Antecedents**

A pronoun is a word used in place of a noun or another pronoun. The word that a pronoun stands for is called its antecedent.

 The player smiled as he waved to the crowd.

 ANTECEDENT PRONOUN

**Personal pronouns** change form.

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|  | Singular | Plural |
| First Person | I, me (my, mine) | We, us (our, ours) |
| Second Person | You (your, yours) | You (your, yours) |
| Third Person | He, him, she, her, it(his, her, hers, its) | They, them(their, theirs) |

**Possessive pronouns** show ownership or relationship. The possessive pronouns are in parenthesis in the chart above.

Underline the pronouns in the following sentences and circle the antecedent. Identify each pronoun as 1st, 2nd, or 3rd person and as personal or possessive.

1. The batter holds his bat near the handle.
2. He never takes his eye off the ball as he swings for the fence.
3. The fans show their appreciation for the homerun by standing and applauding.
4. If you could chose your favorite sport, what would it be?
5. If I knew its rules better, I would probably choose soccer.
6. The player tipped his cap while walking toward the dugout.
7. The ref asked the players to watch as he tossed his coin.
8. The players listened to their coach when time was called.
9. Football deserves its reputation as one of America’s favorite sports.
10. As the fans made their way out of the stadium, they celebrated the win.