

Pronoun Agreement

Answers

Q1 Because frog **eggs** have no shell, yet must be kept hydrated to ensure proper development, external moisture is imperative for _____ development.
Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

Choose 1 answer:

- a) its
- b) his
- c) **their**
- d) our

Q2

Though kangaroos seem docile, **males** can be fiercely competitive when _____ for mates.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

Choose 1 answer:

- a) he searches
- b) it searches
- c) **they** search
- d) she searches

Q3

The Pulitzer **Prize** honors the best works of journalism each year. _____ among the most prestigious writing awards in the world.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

Choose 1 answer:

- a) They rank
- b) **It** ranks
- c) Those rank
- d) Theirs rank

Q4

An Actor Prepares, *Building a Character*, and *Creating a Role* describe Constantin Stanislavski's system of acting. _____ among the most read **books** on the craft.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?

Choose 1 answer:

- a) Either is
- b) It is
- c) **They are**
- d) Ours are

Explanations

Q1

- its

This choice creates a pronoun agreement error. The *singular* pronoun "its" disagrees with the sentence's earlier *plural* reference to "eggs".

- his

This choice creates a pronoun agreement error. The *singular* masculine pronoun "his" disagrees with the sentence's earlier *plural* reference to "eggs" (and gender isn't specified).

- their

This is the best choice. The plural pronoun "their" agrees with the sentence's earlier plural reference to "eggs".

- our

This choice creates a pronoun agreement error. The *first-person* pronoun "our" disagrees with the sentence's earlier *third-person* reference to "eggs".

The logo for Alps Academy features a stylized mountain range with three peaks. The central peak is the tallest and is highlighted with a yellow diagonal stripe. The text "Alps Academy" is written in a large, light blue, sans-serif font across the bottom of the mountain graphic.

Q2

- he searches

This choice creates a pronoun agreement error. The *singular* pronoun "he" disagrees with the sentence's earlier *plural* reference to "kangaroos".

- it searches

This choice creates a pronoun agreement error. The *singular* indefinite pronoun "it" disagrees with the sentence's earlier *plural*, named reference to "kangaroos".

- they search

The plural pronoun "they" is consistent with the plural antecedent "kangaroos".

- she searches

This choice creates a pronoun agreement error. The *singular feminine* pronoun "she" is inconsistent with the sentence's earlier reference to *multiple male* kangaroos.

Q3

- They rank

This choice creates a pronoun agreement error. The *plural* pronoun "they" disagrees with the first sentence's reference to the *singular* subject noun, "Pulitzer Prize".

- It ranks

This choice maintains consistency throughout the sentence. The singular, third-person noun "it" matches the singular subject noun, "Pulitzer Prize".

- Those rank

This choice creates a pronoun agreement error. The *plural* pronoun "those" is inconsistent with the earlier sentence's reference to the *singular* subject noun, "Pulitzer Prize".

- Theirs rank

This choice creates a pronoun agreement error. It uses the *plural* possessive pronoun "theirs", which disagrees with the *singular* subject noun "Pulitzer Prize" in the first sentence.

Q4

- Either is

This choice creates a pronoun agreement error. The *singular* pronoun "either", which means one or the other of two people or things, disagrees with the passage's earlier reference to *three* texts ("An Actor Prepares, Building a Character, and Creating a Role").

- It is

This choice creates a pronoun agreement error. The *singular* pronoun "it" disagrees with the passage's earlier reference to the *plural* subject ("An Actor Prepares, Building a Character, and Creating a Role").

- They are

The third-person plural subject ("An Actor Prepares, Building a Character, and Creating a Role") is consistent with the third-person plural pronoun "they."

- Ours are

This choice creates a pronoun agreement error. The *first-person* pronoun "ours" is inconsistent with the sentence's earlier reference to the *third-person* subject ("An Actor Prepares, Building a Character, and Creating a Role").