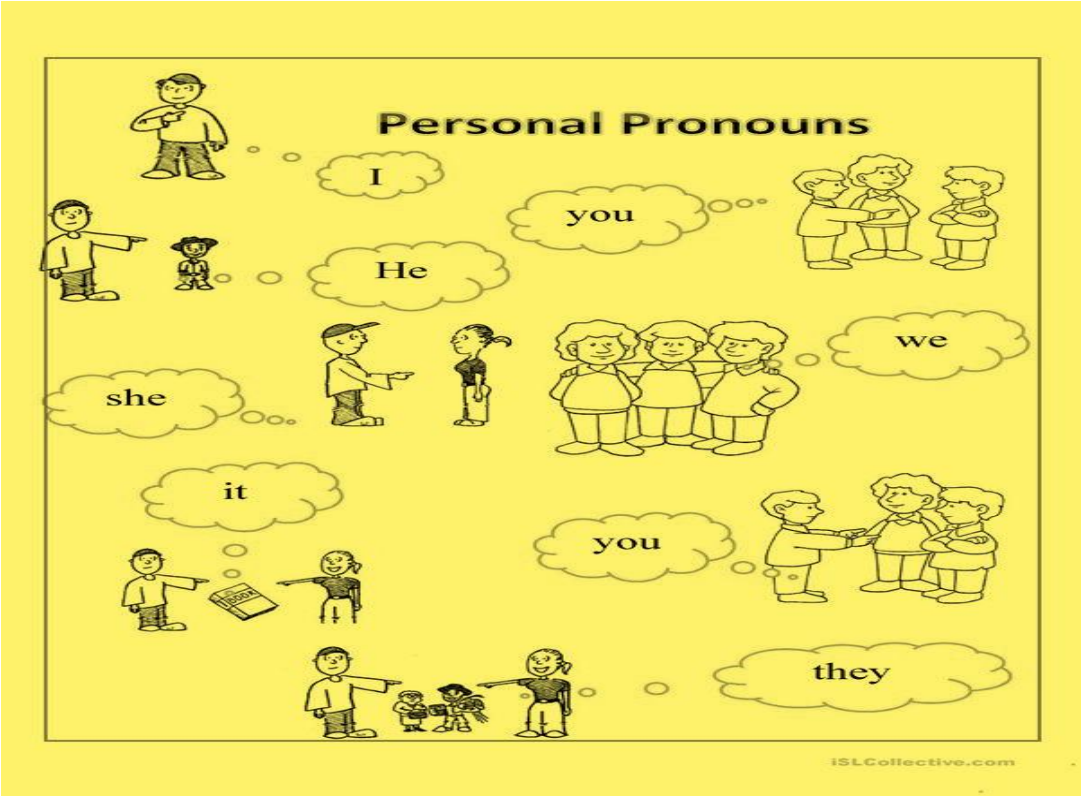
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STANDARD 2

Curriculum Topic: Subject- Verb agreement with Personal Pronouns (Writing)

Teaching Point/s: Identify and use verbs to agree with personal pronouns /subjects.

A pronoun is a word that takes the place of a noun.

Personal pronouns are not limited to people but can also refer to animals and objects.



Remember:

Often mistakes in subject and verb agreement are made when the subject is a pronoun.

Examples:

(i) Wrong: You was late for the concert last night.

Correct: You were late for the concern last night.

(ii) Wrong: He don't come to the Scouts Club now.

Correct: He doesn't come to the Scouts Club now.

Let us recap:

Rule:

Personal pronouns 'he, she, it' take a singular verb.

Personal pronouns 'we, you, they' take a plural verb.

Examples of subject-verb agreement for sentences beginning with personal pronouns:

1) **We go** for a jog in the evening. **(plural verb)**

2) **He was** happy to meet his old friends after a long time. **(singular verb)**

3) All of **you were** on time. **(plural verb)**

4) **It is** a major issue that needs to be addressed. **(singular verb)**

5) You, Zahir, think **you know** everything. **(singular verb)**

Note:

The table below shows agreement between the verbs to be, to do, to have and the personal pronouns.

He-She-It	I	We-You- They
is (isn't) was(wasn't) does (doesn't) has (hasn't)	am (not) was (wasn't) do (don't) have (haven't)	are (aren't) were(weren't) do(don't) have(haven't)

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Activity 1

Complete these sentences by using the correct verb from the brackets.

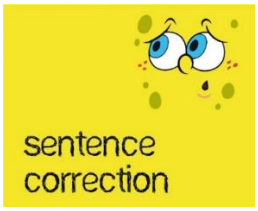
For example:

She asked me if you _____ my friend. (was, were)

She asked me if you were my friend.

1. It _____very warm at the beach yesterday.(was, were)
2. Perhaps she _____heard the news by now. (has, have)
3. They_____frightened out of their wits. (was, were)
4. It _____ look like a promising day. (doesn't, don't)
5. _____the referee know the rules? (Doesn't, Don't)
6. She _____slept a wink all night. (hasn't, haven't)
7. They _____exercise on evenings.(does, do)
8. _____you late for school this morning? (Was,Were)
9. He _____given all his money to the poor.(has, have)

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Activity 2

Rewrite the following sentences in order to correct the errors in agreement.

For example:

Do she often go to the movies with her parents?

Does she often go to the movies with her parents?

1. You was out early this morning running errands.

   _____

2. In order to be healthy, I does exercise every day.

   _____

3. Unfortunately, it have not rained any day of this week.

   _____

4. Those was not the books I asked you to get from the library.

   _____

5. Since the fight, he don't play for the school team anymore.

   _____

6. I am so sorry to hear that you is still ill.

   _____

7. We was very tired after our long walk.

   _____

8. They was all giggling when Brandon entered.

   _____

9. I goes to a football match every Saturday.

   _____

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Activity 3

I	YOU	HE	SHE	IT	WE	THEY

PERSONAL PRONOUN BANK

Create a short paragraph using subject pronouns and verbs that agree in number.

Example:

I enjoy outdoor activities, but my brother does not. He prefers playing online video games with our cousin, Sarah. She also does not like the outdoors. We often argue about how to spend the day. They always end up playing video games together.

Write your paragraph here:

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Activity 1: Answer Key

1. It was very warm at the beach yesterday.
2. Perhaps she has heard the news by now.
3. They were frightened out of their wits.
4. It doesn't look like a promising day.
5. Doesn't the referee know the rules?
6. She hasn't slept a wink all night.
7. They do exercise on evenings.
8. Were you late for school this morning?
9. He has given all his money to the poor.

Activity 2: Answer Key

Sentence	Correction
1.You was out early this morning running errands.	You were out early this morning running errands.
2.In order to be healthy, I does exercise every day.	In order to be healthy, I do exercise every day.
3.Unfortunately, it have not rained any day this week.	Unfortunately, it has not rained any day this week.
4.Those was not the books I asked you to get from the library.	Those were not the books I asked you to get from the library.
5. Since the fight, he don't play for the team anymore.	Since the fight, he doesn't play for the school team anymore.
6. I am so sorry to hear that you is still ill.	I am so sorry to hear that you are still ill.
7.We was very tired after our long walk.	We were very tired after our long walk.
8.They was all giggling when Brandon entered.	They were all giggling when Brandon entered.
9.I goes to a football match every Saturday.	I go to a football match every Saturday.

Activity 3 Answer Key

Any plausible paragraph which illustrates subject verb agreement with personal pronouns.