

## CHAPTER 8 Agreement

### Identifying Pronouns

A **pronoun** is a word that takes the place of a noun or another pronoun. The specific noun or pronoun that the pronoun refers to is called its **antecedent**.

We looked for the moon, but *it* had already entered the earth's shadow.  
[*Moon* is the antecedent of the pronoun *it*.]

Peter, *who* is an old friend, called to say "Happy Birthday." [*Peter* is the antecedent of the pronoun *who*.]

**EXERCISE** In each of the following sentences, underline the pronouns once and underline the antecedent twice.

**EXAMPLE:** The dog sat down and extended its paw.

1. A cowboy must overcome his fears before he enters the rodeo competition.
2. Many people who visit California later move there.
3. Beginning next year, speeders will find themselves facing stiff fines.
4. Elaine just received her membership card for the United States Tennis Association.
5. Lee Ann once visited the Three Mile Island power plant, which was closed in 1979.
6. José read the book. The information in it helped him lose weight.
7. Karen avoided talking to Maureen, who had a problem.
8. Ray has autographs from Sally Field, Dustin Hoffman, Melvyn Douglas, and Meryl Streep. They won Oscars in 1979.
9. While their brother washed his hands, Susan and Terry set the table.
10. Ms. Tramiel is going to the opera. It doesn't start until 8 P.M.
11. Ms. Evans, to whom Eric addressed the letter, is the president of the company.
12. After the refrigerator was repaired, it ran perfectly.
13. The book that has all the answers is the one Rita wants.
14. My dad was happy for Tanya, whose science project just won first prize.
15. The actors performed better than expected, and they were invited back.