Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #27

FOCUS Indefinite Size or Amount Pronouns

An indefinite amount or measurement pronoun does not refer to a specific noun.

CONNECT TO WRITING

Remember that a pronoun takes the place of a noun. Pronouns must match their verbs. Singular pronouns often use verbs ending in s. Plural pronouns often use verbs that don't end in s. An indefinite amount or measurement pronoun does not identify a specific place or thing.

- Some indefinite amount or measurement pronouns take singular verbs.
 Examples: a great deal, a large amount, a lot, nothing, little, less, much, enough, every, and each
- Other indefinite amount or measurement pronouns take plural verbs. **Examples:** *a large number, few, fewer, many, several, lots,* and *plenty*
- Some indefinite amount or measurement pronouns may be singular or plural depending upon the surrounding word clues.

Examples: all, any, half, more, most, none, other, and some

PRACTICE

Cross out the verb errors and write the correct verb forms in the space above to match the indefinite size or amount pronouns.

- 1. Few of the actors remembers their lines.
- 2. A great deal are known about television actors.
- 3. Fewer vegetables is better than many.
- 4. Some of candies tastes like they are stale.

WRITE

| Write your own sentence with indefinite singular and indefinite plural size or amount pronouns. |
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Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet Answers

Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #23 Practice Answers

I told them myself <u>IP</u> because Patty would not tell them herself <u>IP</u>. Patty never thought of anyone but herself <u>RP</u>. When Patty first asked me herself <u>IP</u>, I said, "You should tell them what you did before they find out themselves <u>RP</u>." Patty never apologized herself IP for what she did.

Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #24 Practice Answers

1. PN 2. OP 3. T 4. PN 5. T

Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #25 Practice Answers

1. who 2. whose 3. that 4. which 5. Whom

Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #26 Practice Answers

1. Each <u>watches</u> her own television show. 2. Everyone except James and Pete <u>helps</u> me on the work project. 3. Both of them <u>are</u> ready for a vacation. 4. After they go to the movies, several <u>go</u> out for dessert. 5. Neither <u>gives</u> us much hope that our team will win the league this year. 6. I know others <u>want</u> to be involved in this decision.

Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #27 Practice Answers

- 1. Few of the actors remember their lines. 2. A great deal is known about television actors.
- 3. Fewer vegetables are better than many. 4. Some of candies taste like they are stale.

Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #28 Practice Answers

1. He <u>has</u> carefully <u>listed</u> his reasons for the purchase. 2. <u>Paid</u> a large amount for her services, the woman was happy to help. 3. <u>Built</u> by Native Americans, the caves were interesting. 4. They have never tried to sell any of their artwork.

Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #29 Practice Answers

- 1. <u>Waiting</u> for the train, the young man paced impatiently. 2. He <u>was expecting</u> the train to arrive on time. 3. After <u>calling</u> his parents, the boy decided to cancel the ticket and come home.
- 4. Mostly, but not always, he will be <u>travelling</u> by jet from now on.

Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #30 Practice Answers

1. Paula removed the backpack from her desk. She placed the backpack on the floor. (From her desk Paula removed the backpack and placed it on the floor.) 2. I ate only the fresh vegetables.