

Avoiding Double Subjects



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A sentence is incorrect if it contains a double subject—a subject with a pronoun right after it. To fix a double subject, delete the pronoun and use the subject only. Or delete the subject and use the pronoun only.

- ✘ The **sheep they** look identical. (*double subject*)
- ✓ The **sheep** look identical.
- ✓ **They** look identical.
- ✘ **Mark he** gave a great classroom presentation. (*double subject*)
- ✓ **Mark** gave a great classroom presentation.
- ✓ **He** gave a great classroom presentation.
- ✘ **The bank it** is closed today. (*double subject*)
- ✓ **The bank** is closed today
- ✓ **It** is closed today.

Your Turn Edit the following sentences to remove the double subjects.

1. Phil he plays trumpet in the school jazz band.

Phil plays trumpet in the school jazz band. **OR** He plays trumpet in the school jazz band.

2. The movie it is awesome.

The movie is awesome. **OR** It is awesome.

3. Mrs. Anderson she teaches third grade in Illinois.

Mrs. Anderson teaches third grade in Illinois. **OR** She teaches third grade in Illinois.

4. Josie her favorite sport is soccer.

Josie's favorite sport is soccer. **OR** Her favorite sport is soccer.

5. My friend he has a huge collection of sea shells.

My friend has a huge collection of sea shells. **OR** He has a huge collection of sea shells.

6. The weather it is turning stormy.

The weather is turning stormy. **OR** It is turning stormy.

7. If you want to know why I called, my homework it is still at school.

If you want to know why I called, my homework is still at school. **OR** If you want to know why I called, it is still at school.

8. The assignment it is due tomorrow.

The assignment is due tomorrow. **OR** It is due tomorrow.

9. If you don't have the worksheet, Jennie she will give me one.

If you don't have the worksheet, Jennie will give me one. **OR** If you don't have the worksheet, she will give me one.

10. Those sheep they really look like clones.

Those sheep really look like clones. **OR** They really look like clones.

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