



The Singular “They”

Practice 1

Instructions. Based on [this lesson](#), revise or rewrite each sentence to remove the singular “they.” You can use any technique you find to be appropriate.

Example: Every student needs to complete all their courses by the end of the year.

Possible revisions: Students need to complete all their courses by the end of the year.

All courses must be completed by the end of the year.

When you are done, see “Answer Key” to check your answers.

1. Everyone needs to bring their books to class.

2. No driver should drive without their driver’s license.

3. Every student needs to do their homework by themselves.

4. An orphan is a person who does not have their parents.

5. Any student who needs help with their homework should email their teacher.

6. If a student finishes their test early, they can leave.

7. When someone is sad all the time, they may be depressed.

8. A baby cries when they are hot, cold, or hungry.

Answer Key

Multiple correct answers are possible. If in doubt, consult an instructor.

1. All students need to bring their books to class.
2. Drivers should not drive without their driver's licenses.
You should never drive without your driver's license.
3. (All) students need to do their homework by themselves.
4. Orphans are people who do not have their parents.
People who do not have their parents are called "orphans."
5. Students who need help with their homework should email their teachers.
6. If students finish their tests early, they can leave.
You can leave whenever you finish your test.
7. When people are sad all the time, they may be depressed.
People who are sad all the time may be depressed.
8. Babies cry when they are hot, cold, or hungry.

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