This At-Home Activity Packet is organized as a series of journal entries. Each entry has two parts. In part 1, the student writes in response to a prompt. In part 2, the student completes a Language Handbook lesson and practices the skill in the context of their writing from part 1. We recommend that the student completes one part each day.

Most lessons can be completed independently. However, there are some lessons that would benefit from the support of an adult. If there is not an adult available to help, don't worry! Just skip those lessons.

Encourage the student to do the best they can with this content. The most important thing is that they continue to work on their writing and language skills.

Directions for this packet:

Part 1:
• Read the writing prompt.
• If needed, use the sentence frames to help you get started writing.

Part 2:
• Complete Guided Practice.
• Complete Independent Practice.
• Complete the Try It prompt.

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Journal Entry 1

During recent events, we have been asked to think of the needs of others. Think about a lesson you have learned by putting yourself in someone else’s shoes. Write to explain the lesson you’ve learned.

The lesson I have learned is...
Lesson 4
Reflexive and Intensive Pronouns

Introduction

Reflexive and intensive pronouns are pronouns that end in -self or -selves. They refer back to a noun or another pronoun in the same sentence.

- Reflexive and intensive pronouns can be singular or plural.

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- A reflexive pronoun is an object pronoun that refers back to the subject and is important to the meaning of the sentence. If you leave out the reflexive pronoun, the sentence will not be clear.

Jake was mad at himself for dropping the ball during the game.

- An intensive pronoun can be used to emphasize, or intensify, a noun or pronoun. If you leave out the intensive pronoun, the sentence will still make sense.

I myself thought it wasn’t his fault. His teammates themselves agreed.

Guided Practice

Cross out the incorrect pronoun or pronouns in each sentence. Then write the correct form above the incorrect one.

Hint

A reflexive pronoun should not be used as the subject of a sentence. Use the correct subject pronoun instead.

Example:

Ben and I played.

NOT

Ben and myself played.

1. My family and myself were excited to see my brother’s first ball game.

2. He itself was nervous about how he would play.

3. Dad drove us to the field at 1:00, although the game themselves did not start until 2:00.

4. Himself and I found themselves good seats in the bleachers.

5. My two sisters went to buy popcorn for herself.

6. Myself asked them to bring some for Dad and me.

7. When they returned, Dad told them, “You’ll fill yourself with popcorn and miss dinner.”
For numbers 1–3, which pronoun should replace the underlined pronoun to make the sentence correct?

1. When the team lost the game, the players blamed ourselves.
   A  itself
   B  themselves
   C  himself
   D  yourselves

2. The pitcher itself said that he had not pitched his best game.
   A  myself
   B  himself
   C  yourself
   D  themselves

3. Alonzo and myself agreed that the other team had simply played better.
   A  I
   B  me
   C  himself
   D  ourselves

For number 4, which revision uses a reflexive or intensive pronoun correctly?

4. Mayor Ramirez is a great fan and attends every single game.
   A  Herself Mayor Ramirez is a great fan and attends every single game.
   B  Mayor Ramirez themselves is a great fan and attends every single game.
   C  Mayor Ramirez is a great fan itself and attends every single game.
   D  Mayor Ramirez herself is a great fan and attends every single game.

Try It  Reread what you wrote in Part 1. Check that you have used reflexive pronouns correctly. Then try to add one intensive pronoun in your response.
Journal Entry 2

Different animals are known for different personality types. For example, a mule is known for being stubborn. What animal best represents your personality? Write to explain which animal and why.

The animal that best represents my personality is...

because...
In 1888, during a heavy snowfall near what is now Mesa Verde National Park, two cowboys saw walls and towers off in the distance. They were unusual, and they decided to go and explore them. They found homes built right into the walls of the tall cliffs. They had ancient tools and pottery, and it was exciting.
The Ancestral Pueblo people moved to Mesa Verde around 550 c.e., but the cliff dwellings weren’t built until around 1200 c.e. (1) They showed a high degree of skill in stone masonry. (2) They do not know why the Ancestral Pueblo people moved into the cliffs. (3) They might have been safer in harsh weather. Whatever the reason these people moved to the cliffs, it is amazing.

1  
A They showed skill in stone masonry to a high degree. 
B All showed a high degree of skill in stone masonry. 
C A high degree of skill in stone masonry was shown by them. 
D The Pueblo people showed a high degree of skill in stone masonry.

2 
A Archeologists are not sure why the Ancestral Pueblo people moved into the cliffs. 
B The Ancestral Pueblo people do not know why they moved into the cliffs. 
C It is unknown to them why the Ancestral Pueblo moved into the cliffs. 
D Why the Ancestral Pueblos moved into the cliffs, they do not know.

3  
A In harsh weather, they might have been safer. 
B Their safety might have been greater in harsh weather. 
C Cliff dwellings might have been safer in harsh weather. 
D It might be because of their safety in harsh weather.

Try It  Reread what you wrote in Part 1. Circle any pronouns you used. Then reread to make sure someone reading your paper for the first time would understand who the pronoun is referring to. Fix any errors.
Journal Entry 3

We all have talents. Think about what your talents are. What is your greatest talent? How did you discover it? Write to share your talent with everyone!

My talent is ....
I found this talent when ....
Lesson 17
Denotation and Connotation

Introduction A word can have two kinds of meanings. A word’s **denotation** is its dictionary definition. A word’s **connotation** is the feeling that people associate with the word.

Compare these examples:

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<td>My older cousin Cal is <em>clever</em>.</td>
<td>My older cousin Cal is <em>sly</em>.</td>
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<td>He asks questions because he is <em>curious</em>.</td>
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The dictionary definition of the word *clever* means almost the same as the dictionary definition of *sly*. The words have similar denotations. The words *curious* and *nosy* also have similar denotations. However, they have very different connotations. The words we use carry feelings. The reader uses these feelings to form opinions.

When you write, think about the connotations of the words you choose. Ask yourself: “What effect will my words have on my readers?”

Guided Practice Read the sentences. Write *P* if the underlined word has a positive connotation. Write *N* if the underlined word has a negative connotation.

**Hint**
Read each underlined word. Ask yourself: What feelings do I connect to the word? If the feelings are good, the word has a positive connotation. If the feelings are bad, the word has a negative connotation.

1. Cal is a very ***thrifty*** person. _______
   Cal is a very ***stingy*** person. _______

2. He wears ***classic*** styles. _______
   He wears ***old-fashioned*** styles. _______

3. Every morning he ***trudges*** to work. _______
   Every morning he ***sprints*** to work. _______

4. Cal drives an ***antique*** car. _______
   Cal drives an ***ancient*** car. _______

5. His wife ***insists*** that he fix the car himself. _______
   His wife ***encourages*** him to fix the car himself. _______

6. One day, Cal’s son ***requested*** a room of his own. _______
   One day, Cal’s son ***demanded*** a room of his own. _______
For numbers 1–3, read the sentence. The answer choices have similar denotations. Which answer choice has the most positive connotation?

1. Cal and his wife had a debate about moving to a new home.
   A. quarrel
   B. dispute
   C. discussion
   D. disagreement

2. Cal said, “We can turn the office into an acceptable bedroom.”
   A. pleasing
   B. usable
   C. functional
   D. workable

3. Cal’s wife wanted to move, and she was stubborn about it.
   A. pushy
   B. defiant
   C. obstinate
   D. determined

For number 4, read the sentence. The answer choices have similar denotations. Which answer choice has the most negative connotation?

4. On moving day they transported all their belongings to their new home.
   A. sent
   B. lugged
   C. moved
   D. carried

**Try It** Reread what you wrote in Part 1. Do the words give a positive or a negative connotation to your writing? Change any words with a negative connotation to a positive connotation and reread it. Be proud of your talents!
Journal Entry 4

What superpower would you like to have? How would it be useful right now? Write a story about a teenager who has that superpower and uses it to save the world.
Lesson 15
Figures of Speech

Introduction
One way that writers make their writing lively and vivid is by using figures of speech. A figure of speech is an imaginative, or nonliteral, way of using language. It might describe something in an unexpected way, or it might even stretch the truth.

- **Personification** is a figure of speech that gives human-like qualities and actions to something that is not human. Writers use personification to create a picture in the mind of the reader or to convey a mood.

  The steep trail **dared** Mia to take another step.

  **Sneaky** tree roots were **hiding** under leaves and twigs, **ready to trip her**.

  Nonliving things, such as tree roots, can’t dare someone, be sneaky, or hide with the intention of tripping someone. The figures of speech help the reader picture the trail and sense the lurking dangers.

- **Hyperbole** is a figure of speech that uses exaggeration for emphasis or effect.

  **It took forever** to reach the top of the mountain.

  It doesn’t really take “forever” to climb a mountain. The figure of speech emphasizes the length and difficulty of the climb and conveys Mia’s frustration.

Guided Practice
Read the passage. Underline each figure of speech, and identify it by writing **P** for personification or **H** for hyperbole. Then discuss the meaning of the figure of speech with a partner.

By the time Mia’s parents set up the tent, it was raining. Mia would never forgive them for this trip! Her legs were still complaining from the climb, and the mean rain was punishing her family for camping in October.

The next morning, though, Mia woke up refreshed. She thought, “I must have slept for days!” Outside the tent, the sun smiled through the leafy trees.
For numbers 1–4, what does the underlined figure of speech mean in each sentence?

1. A bold wind grabbed Mia’s cap as she and her parents hiked down the trail.
   A The wind was bold and pushy.
   B The wind blew Mia’s cap off her head.
   C Mia took her cap off her head because of the wind.
   D Someone took Mia’s cap.

2. When they reached the pond, Mia exclaimed, “There must be a million ducks here!”
   A “There are one million ducks at the pond.”
   B “I’ve never seen ducks before.”
   C “There are a lot of ducks here.”
   D “I can guess the number of ducks.”

3. Suddenly, clouds gathered and chased the sun out of the sky.
   A The clouds were faster than the sun.
   B The clouds pushed the sun out of the sky forever.
   C The clouds had an important meeting.
   D The sun disappeared quickly when clouds filled the sky.

4. The rain ignored Mia and her family’s plans to go out on a rowboat.
   A The rain did not affect the plans Mia and her family had.
   B Mia and her family enjoyed their time out in the rowboat.
   C Other people enjoyed rowboats, but not Mia’s family.
   D Mia’s family had made plans, but now it was raining.

Try It Reread your story. Find places where you could add emphasis by including figures of speech. Add one instance of hyperbole and one instance of personification.
Today you woke up and were told you are the president of a new country. You can name the country anything you’d like and make all the laws. What decisions would you make? Write an announcement to the people of your country explaining everything to them.

To the people of …,
our new laws will be…
Many historians have written about Genghis Khan. Often these historians describe Genghis Khan as a cruel warrior who captured land for the people of Mongolia. However, this fierce leader also united the people of Mongolia.

Tricia became interested in the Mongolian empire, and her and me wrote a report on the empire. Fred helped Tricia and I on the research. Fred, me, and Tricia learned a lot.
For numbers 1–5, which word or words correctly complete each sentence?

1. When Genghis Khan was a child, his mother kept _____ and the rest of the family safe in the Mongolian Desert.
   A) we
   B) him
   C) they
   D) he

2. This brave woman and her children often had little to eat, but _____ survived.
   A) her and them
   B) she and them
   C) her and they
   D) she and they

3. Genghis Khan’s mother was a strong, smart woman. Her son’s ability to lead probably came from _____.
   A) her
   B) she
   C) he
   D) they

4. As a leader, Genghis Khan promoted religious freedom because other people’s beliefs were interesting to _____.
   A) he
   B) him
   C) they
   D) we

5. _____ also learned that Genghis Khan created the first Mongol written language.
   A) Me and my friends
   B) They and me
   C) My friends and I
   D) My friends and me

Try It
Reread what you wrote in Part 1. Circle places where you used the words I or me. Did you use them properly? Then go through your announcement to make sure all other pronouns are used correctly.
Journal Entry 6

What has been the most challenging thing you’ve had to deal with while staying at home? How have you managed? Write advice to share with friends who are dealing with similar challenges.

... has been hard to deal with, but I ....
Lesson 8
Punctuating Parenthetical Elements

Introduction
When you want to include a parenthetical element, or a piece of extra information that is interesting but not absolutely necessary, you use punctuation marks to set it off from the rest of a sentence. You can use commas, parentheses, or dashes.

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<td>to set off information that is not essential to understanding the rest of the sentence</td>
<td>Rachel Carson, born on a small farm in Pennsylvania, devoted her life to protecting the environment. She was always interested in nature, even as a young girl.</td>
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<td>to set off nonessential information or to remind readers of something they may already know</td>
<td>Rachel Carson (1907–1964) did important research on the effects of chemicals on our water supply.</td>
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<td>to add emphasis, set off a new thought, or show a sudden change in thinking</td>
<td>Carson—always passionate about nature—was a powerful and persuasive writer. She began her writing by exploring life in the sea—a world unknown to most readers.</td>
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Guided Practice
Add the punctuation shown in italics to set off the parenthetical information in each sentence.

Hint
When a parenthetical element is in the middle of a sentence, be sure to set it off with the same type of punctuation before and after.

Example:
Isabelle, also known as Izzie, is shy. NOT Isabelle—also known as Izzie, is shy.

1. Elizabeth Blackwell 1821–1910 grew up in a time when women were not welcome in many professions. parentheses
2. She thought women would want to see a female doctor rather than a male about their health concerns. commas
3. Blackwell was accepted into Geneva Medical School after being rejected by twenty other medical schools. dash
4. Blackwell a determined person became the first woman to graduate from medical school in the United States. commas
5. She later established a medical school just for women. dash
For numbers 1–4, choose the answer that best punctuates the underlined part of each sentence.

1. Dr. Jonas Salk 1914–1995 discovered a cure for polio.
   A. Salk 1914–1995, discovered
   B. Salk, (1914–1995), discovered
   C. Salk (1914–1995) discovered
   D. Salk—1914–1995—discovered

2. Polio a disease that struck fear in parents was a terrible illness that could cripple children.
   A. Polio, a disease that struck fear in parents, was
   B. Polio, a disease that struck fear in parents—was
   C. Polio (a disease that struck fear in parents), was
   D. Polio—a disease that struck fear in parents, was

3. Jonas Salk’s parents immigrants with little formal education themselves were determined that their children would succeed.
   A. parents—(immigrants with little formal education themselves) were
   B. parents immigrants with little formal education themselves, were
   C. parents immigrants with little formal education themselves—were
   D. parents (immigrants with little formal education themselves) were

4. At medical school, Salk began researching influenza the virus that causes the flu.
   A. influenza the virus, that causes the flu.
   B. influenza—the virus—that causes the flu.
   C. influenza (the virus) that causes the flu.
   D. influenza, the virus that causes the flu.

Try It  Reread what you wrote in Part 1. Are there places where you added information that should be set off from the rest of a sentence? If so, make sure you used the proper punctuation. If not, edit your writing to include at least one piece of extra information.
Journal Entry 7

What is special about your neighborhood? Think about how it looks, sounds, and smells. Write a poem about your neighborhood using your senses. Help others feel what your neighborhood is like through your writing. Add drawings to your finished poem.
Lesson 14
Using a Thesaurus

Introduction
You can use a thesaurus to make your writing more precise or interesting. A thesaurus provides synonyms and antonyms for particular words.

A thesaurus lists words in alphabetical order. Each entry gives the part of speech, the definition, and a list of synonyms. Antonyms, if any, are also included.

bitter adj. 1. a strong, unpleasant taste: The white part of a lemon rind is bitter. acrid, unpleasant Antonyms: sugary, sweet 2. harsh and cold: Winter has been bitter this year. rough, severe Antonyms: mild, pleasant 3. having or showing resentment: Al felt bitter when he lost his job. angry, resentful, sullen Antonym: friendly

claim v. 1. to need: This issue claims our attention. deserve, demand, require 2. to say that something is true: Nola claims that bees sleep at night. state, declare, insist Antonym: deny  n. 3. a statement that something is true: The ad makes the claim that Brand X is the best flour. assertion, allegation, declaration Antonym: denial

Guided Practice
Read the paragraph. Use the thesaurus entries above to answer the questions about the underlined words.

Nearly 2,600 years ago, people in Mexico and Central America drank a bitter chocolate drink, which they made from cocoa beans. Some scholars claim that people drank chocolate even longer ago.

1 Which words are synonyms of claim as used in the paragraph?

2 Which word is an antonym of claim?

3 Which words are synonyms of bitter as used in the paragraph?

4 Which words are antonyms of bitter?
Independent Practice

For numbers 1–3, read the sentence. Then use the thesaurus entry to answer the question.

**significant adj.** 1. expressing a meaning: *Dad gave Lee and Arlo a significant glance when they started to argue.* meaningful, informative Antonym: meaningless 2. having influence: *Thu has a significant job with the Government.* important Antonyms: insignificant, unimportant

**powerful adj.** 1. physically strong: *The oxen are powerful.* strong, mighty Antonyms: weak, frail 2. able to influence: *Leaders are powerful people.* high-ranking, influential Antonym: low-ranking

1. As the food of rulers, gods, and everyday people, chocolate was significant for the Maya.

   Which is a synonym for significant as it is used above?
   - A meaningful
   - B unimportant
   - C insignificant
   - D meaningless

2. The Aztecs, however, would permit only certain people to drink it.

   Which is an antonym for permit as it is used above?
   - A license
   - B allow
   - C forbid
   - D oblige

3. Only the powerful members of Aztec society drank the sacred beverage.

   Which is a synonym for powerful as it is used above?
   - A high-ranking
   - B powerless
   - C weak
   - D frail

**Try It** Look back at your poem. Are there any words that are used over and over? Are there words that could be replaced with more interesting words? Circle at least two words you can replace by using a thesaurus. Then, using a print or online thesaurus, find two new words.
Do you think parents should monitor Internet usage for their children? Write an opinion essay that gives reasons for your opinion.

Parents monitor their children's Internet usage.
Lesson 2
More About Subject and Object Pronouns

Introduction Subject pronouns and object pronouns can be used to tell about or emphasize something mentioned in the sentence.

- Sometimes a subject pronoun follows a form of the linking verb be (is, am, are, was, were) to tell about the subject. The pronoun can be used alone or in a compound subject.

  It was I, not Zoey, who saw the boy fall off his bike.
  However, the first ones to reach the boy were she and Terrance.

- The plural pronouns we and us can also be used before a noun for emphasis. Use we if the noun is the subject of the sentence. Use us if the noun is the object of a verb or preposition.

  We girls kept the boy calm and called his mom.
  When the boy’s mother arrived, she thanked us girls for our help.

Guided Practice Circle the correct pronoun to complete each sentence.

Hint If the pronoun is followed by a noun, try reading the sentence without the noun. For example, “We [doctors] care about health.” You can tell that We sounds right and that Us would sound wrong.

Look for forms of the linking verb be (is, am, are, was, were). If a pronoun comes after one of these forms, remember to use a subject pronoun.

1. The people in our class who want to become doctors are Zoey and (me, I).
2. (Us, We) students enjoyed meeting Dr. Higgs on Career Day.
3. It was (him, he) who won the Doctor of the Year award in our state.
4. Dr. Higgs inspired (we, us) kids to learn more about careers in medicine.
5. Terrance’s parents are both doctors, and it was (they, them) who invited Dr. Higgs to speak to us.
Independent Practice

For numbers 1–5, which pronoun correctly completes each sentence?

1. The Young Paramedic Program is perfect for _____ students.
   A. we
   B. them
   C. us
   D. they

2. The first people to sign up were Zoey, Paris, and _____.
   A. me
   B. I
   C. them
   D. it

3. It was _____ who noticed the sign-up sheet first.
   A. us
   B. I
   C. me
   D. them

4. The instructors are all paramedics, and it will be _____ who teach us basic first aid.
   A. they
   B. her
   C. them
   D. it

5. _____ young volunteers are eager to learn about saving lives.
   A. Us
   B. Them
   C. They
   D. We

Try It  Reread what you wrote in Part 1. Circle any pronouns you used. Make sure you used them all correctly. Fix any errors.
Journal Entry 9

Congratulations! You have won an award for having good values in your life. What is the value that you won the award for? How do you show it every day? Write what you would say in your acceptance speech. Be sure to tell why that value is so important to you.

The value... is important to me because...
I try to show this value every day by...
Lesson 7
Recognizing and Correcting Errors

Introduction
Mistakes in spelling, capitalization, grammar, and punctuation can make it difficult for your reader to understand what you have written. You should always proofread your writing and correct your errors. An easy way to show corrections is to use proofreading marks.

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<td>to take out punctuation marks, letters, words, or sentences</td>
<td>A volcanoe is a mountain that can erupt and eject molten rock.</td>
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<td>Mount St. Helens erupted in 1980 in the state of Washington.</td>
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<td>to add a period</td>
<td>Some volcanoes occur on land. Others, however, erupt on the ocean floor.</td>
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<td>to change a capital letter to a lowercase letter</td>
<td>A recent undersea eruption occurred off the Canary Islands.</td>
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<td>An undersea volcano near Oregon produced 12-foot-thick layers of lava.</td>
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Guided Practice
Use proofreading marks to correct the errors in this paragraph. Then work with a partner to check each other’s corrections.

Their are more than 3,000 volcanoes on the ocean floor.

Undersea volcanoes are caused by a crack in the crust. Like land volcanoes, undersea volcanoes erupts and force out liquid rock. Scientists now observed these volcanoes and try to predict possible eruptions.
Independent Practice

For numbers 1–5, select the correct way to revise the sentence.

### 1
Eruptions occur when Pressure in a volcano build up
A Eruptions occurs when Pressure in a volcano build up.
B Eruptions occurs when pressure in a volcano builds up.
C Eruptions occur when pressure in a volcano builds up.
D Eruptions occur when Pressure in a volcano build up.

### 2
When undersea volcanoes erupt, they often caused powerfull waves.
A When undersea volcanoes erupt, they often cause powerfull waves.
B When undersea volcanoes erupt, they often caused powerful waves.
C When undersea volcanoes erupt, they often cause powerful waves.
D When undersea volcanoes erupt, They often cause powerful waves.

### 3
A tsunami is a series of waves it can move too shore at high speeds.
A A tsunami is a series of waves, it can move too shore at high speeds.
B A tsunami is a series of waves, it can move to shore at high speeds.
C A tsunami is a series of waves, It can move too shore at high speeds.
D A tsunami is a series of waves, and it can move to shore at high speeds.

### 4
If a tsunami strike land, she can cause sereous damage.
A If a tsunami strikes land, she can cause serious damage.
B If a tsunami strikes land, it can cause serious damage.
C If a tsunami strike land, it can cause serious damage.
D If a tsunami strike land, it can cause sereous damage.

### 5
In oregon, the undersea eruption themselves changed the seafloor.
A In oregon, the Undersea Eruption itself changed the seafloor.
B In Oregon, the undersea eruption themselves changed the seafloor.
C In oregon, the undersea eruption itself changed the seafloor.
D In Oregon, the undersea eruption itself changed the seafloor.

Try It  It is always a good idea to proofread a speech before you give it. Read your acceptance speech out loud and look for places you would change things. Use proofreading marks to correct your errors.
Journal Entry 10

Write a short story that has a classmate as the main character, the setting as a place in the world you’d like to visit, and these objects: spaghetti, a pet of your choice, and a video game.
Lesson 3
Possessive Pronouns

Introduction

Possessive pronouns are pronouns that show ownership.

- Some possessive pronouns are used before nouns.

  Is that my notebook on your desk? Our markers are on their table.

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- Other possessive pronouns can stand alone.

  I think that pencil is mine, not yours. Is that stapler ours or is it theirs?

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Guided Practice

Circle the possessive pronoun or pronouns that correctly complete each sentence.

1. (Our, Ours) teacher gives us weekly writing assignments.

2. “Don’t forget to complete (yours, your) assignment by (it’s, its) due date,” Ms. Sanchez reminded us.

3. Levi and Ian work together on (their, theirs) assignments.

4. Annie and I often collaborate on (ours, our).

5. I usually like (her, hers) topic ideas better than (my, mine).

6. When will they finish (their, theirs) research?

7. (My, Mine) research will be completed by Friday.

Hint

Be careful not to confuse the possessive pronouns its, their, and your with the contractions it’s, they’re, and you’re. Just remember that possessive pronouns do not have apostrophes.
Independent Practice

For numbers 1–5, which pronoun correctly completes each sentence?

1. Raul is proud of ______ writing and always proofreads it carefully.
   A. his  
   B. theirs  
   C. its  
   D. ours

2. Noah offered to let Shayla read his poem if he could read ______.
   A. her  
   B. its  
   C. hers  
   D. their

3. Someday I hope to write as well as ______ favorite author, Christopher Paul Curtis.
   A. hers  
   B. my  
   C. mine  
   D. ours

4. How do you come up with ______ unusual ideas for characters?
   A. theirs  
   B. your  
   C. yours  
   D. ours

5. We brought our writing journals, but the twins forgot ______.
   A. our  
   B. your  
   C. their  
   D. theirs

Try It  Reread what you wrote in Part 1. Make sure all of the pronouns you used are used properly. Use proofreading marks to fix your errors.