

PRACTICE:

Punctuate the following:

1. After an unusually loud clap of thunder the storm broke.
2. On the contrary I feel even more determined than before.
3. Her graceful skating with its bird-like swooping and turning won a burst of applause from the audience.
4. The children raced wildly down the lane through the gate and into the pasture.
5. In the Dunes State Park we saw hundreds of beautiful white trilliums with their gleaming petals and graceful leaves in symmetrical groups of three.
6. In the first place your mother had never really consented to your going.
7. At a signal from the leader of the game the children hid among the shrubs behind the trees and around the corners of the house.
8. In fact his long and involved explanation with the frequent hesitation and confused changes of statement has made me doubt the whole story.
9. On the whole we were satisfied with the arrangements.
10. The vacation in Florida with the lazy hours on the beach and the opportunity for exercise in the sunshine and fresh air was apparently just what she needed.
11. During the celebration of the anniversary of Shakespeare's birth scenes from his plays were presented in classrooms in outdoor theaters and in civic auditoriums.
12. On the other hand a completely carefree existence with no duties or responsibilities whatever would scarcely lead to happiness.

CORRECT USAGE 2.

Do these pronouns sometimes confuse you?

They sent an invitation to Martha and me, not "Martha and I."

John said the flowers were from Bill and him, not "from he and Bill."

Telegrams of congratulation were sent by Jane and her, not "by she and Jane."

(If you drop the noun, you can see immediately which pronoun is correct. This is often a useful test.)

Fill the blanks correctly and then say the sentences over and over until they sound right.

1. There were two packages addressed to Helen and _____ (I, me).
2. Mrs. Davis said she was sending some games for Jim and _____ (us, we).
3. The boy pointed the gun toward Jane and _____ (I, me), intending to frighten us.
4. Grandmother sent tickets for the concert to Mother and _____ (we, us) girls.
5. I think there is room in the car for Bill and _____ (him, he), if they care to come.
6. Did Marie say you are coming with John and _____ (she, her)?
7. The twins were delighted with the candy we sent for their brother and _____ (them, they).
8. Helen is motioning for you to come over and sit beside Grace and _____ (she, her).