



Reciprocal Nouns Error Correction **Answers**

The sentences below contain errors with reciprocal pronouns, following the traditional rule. Explain why the sentences are incorrect then correct them.

1. They helps each other during busy periods.

They help each other during busy periods.

Explanation: The subject is plural (*they*), so the verb must be plural.

2. Maria and her colleague respect themselves.

Maria and her colleague respect each other.

Explanation: *Themselves* is reflexive. The action is mutual, so a reciprocal pronoun is needed.

3. The departments compete each other for resources.

The departments compete with each other for resources.

Explanation: *Compete* requires the preposition *with*.

4. James helps Anna and Anna helps James.

James and Anna help each other.

Explanation: Repeating names is unnatural; reciprocal pronouns avoid repetition.

5. The manager and the assistant emails each other every morning.

The manager and the assistant email each other every morning.

Explanation: Compound subjects are plural → plural verb.

6. The team members blamed themselves after the failure.

The team members blamed each other after the failure.

Explanation: The blame is shared between people, not directed at themselves individually.

7. The three partners trust each other's decisions one another.

The three partners trust one another's decisions.

Explanation: Only one reciprocal pronoun is needed; do not combine both forms.

8. The two companies cooperate one another on this project.

The two companies cooperate with each other on this project.

Explanation: *Cooperate* needs the preposition *with*. Two subjects required each other.

9. She talks to her team and they talk to each other.

She and her team talk to each other.

Explanation: Reciprocal pronouns require both sides to be part of the subject.

10. The students shared their notes with themselves.

The students shared their notes with each other.

Explanation: The action is exchanged between students, not reflected back individually.