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Pronoun Proofing Answer Key

1. **Error** - *they won its game* → should be *they won their game* (team is treated as plural here).
2. **Error** - *their sandwich* → should be *his sandwich* (neither is singular).
3. **Error** - *their own supplies* → should be *his or her own supplies* (everyone is singular).
4. **C** - Correct (teachers = plural; they = plural).
5. **Error** - *their tails* → should be *its tail* (each is singular).
6. **Error** - *their final decision* → should be *its final decision* (committee as a unit is singular).
7. **Error** - *he heard* → should be *they heard* (twins = plural).
8. **Error** - *their umbrella* → should be *his or her umbrella* (somebody is singular).
9. **C** - Correct (friends = plural; their = plural).
10. **Error** - *their homework* → should be *his or her homework* (one is singular).

Teacher Notes:

- **Collective nouns** (team, committee) can be singular or plural depending on meaning. Encourage students to check context: acting as one unit (singular) vs. acting as individuals (plural).
- **Indefinite pronouns** (everyone, somebody, each, neither, one) are almost always singular. Students often slip here by matching them with plural pronouns.
- Remind students: **Pronouns must match the number and person of their antecedent.** Have them circle the antecedent first before checking the pronoun.