

Cornell Motes

Clarifying Vague Pronouns

Today's Standard

6.L.1d - Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).*

Cues	Notes
What is a vague pronoun?	Vague pronouns are pronouns with unclear or ambiguous antecedents.
Why is it important to avoid vague pronouns?	Avoiding vague pronouns is important for writing clarity and ensuring the reader understands the text.
How can you identify a vague pronoun?	Identify a vague pronoun by checking if the antecedent is clear and logical.
What are common mistakes with pronouns?	Common mistakes include assuming any nearby noun can be an antecedent and thinking the pronoun's meaning is always clear.
How can you correct vague pronouns?	Correct vague pronouns by ensuring the antecedent is explicitly clear and logically connected to the pronoun.

Summary

Recognizing and correcting vague pronouns is essential for clear writing. Vague pronouns have unclear antecedents, leading to confusion. Ensuring pronouns have clear antecedents improves writing clarity.