

Grammar 2: Usage Assignment 8

- We are almost at the finish line with pronouns! Complete Chapter 8 except the test.
- Take the chapter Test 7, scan it and email to me by **Tuesday morning**.



Remember that I want the answers on *one* page.



Review your mistakes and please ask any questions that you have next lesson.

Gentleman Wombley has been reminiscing with me today about his old teacher censor. It's really quite shocking! Here is more advice from Censor:

Don't use *fix* in the sense of putting in order, setting to rights, etc. This is a condemned Americanism. *Fix* means to make fast, to permanently set in place, and hence the common American usage is peculiarly wrong.

Don't adopt the common habit of calling everything *funny* that chances to be a little odd or strange. *Funny* can only be rightly used when the comical is meant.

Don't use *mad* for *angry*. This has been denounced as peculiarly an Americanism, and it is an Americanism so far as current usage goes; but the word is employed in this sense in the New Testament, it is occasionally found in old English authors, and, according to articles recently published in the London *Athenaeum*, it is not uncommon in certain out-of-the-way places in England.

Don't use a plural pronoun when a singular is called for. "Every passenger must show their ticket" illustrates a prevalent error. "Everybody put on their hats" is another instance. It should be "Everybody put on his hat."

Don't say "blame it on him," but simply, "blame him." The first form is common among the uneducated.

Don't use *got* where it is unnecessary. "I have got an umbrella" is a common form of speech, but *got* here is needless, and it is far from being a pleasing word. "I have a book," not "I have got a book," and so in all similar cases.

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Don't use *quantity* for *number*. “A quantity of wheat” is right enough, but what are we to think of the phrase, “a quantity of people”?

Don't use adjectives when adverbs are required. Don't say, for instance, “This pear is uncommon good,” but “This pear is uncommonly good.” For rules on the use of adverbs consult books on grammar.