

Skill Reminder • A **pronoun** is a word that takes the place of one or more nouns. • Pronouns show number and gender. **Number** tells whether a pronoun is singular or plural. **Gender** tells whether the pronoun is masculine, feminine, or neuter. • The **antecedent** is the noun or nouns to which the pronoun refers.

► Write a pronoun to replace the word or words in parentheses ().

- Lightning struck suddenly, and (the lightning) _____ quickly caused fire to break out.
- Animals roamed the parks, and (the animals) _____ might be in danger.
- Two fire fighters came too close, and the fire almost burned (the fire fighters) _____.
- Fire crews knew that (the fire crews) _____ could not control the raging fires.
- On smoky days, the sun was so dim that (the sun) _____ looked like the moon.



► Rewrite each sentence, replacing the underlined word or words with a pronoun.

- Mark, a fire fighter, looked at the buildings near Old Faithful, and Mark was worried.

- Of the eight major fires burning in Yellowstone Park, one of the fires was moving toward the geyser. _____

- The fire almost reached the inn, but a shift in the wind kept the fire away from Old Faithful. _____



TRY THIS! Write five sentences about a natural event such as a fire or storm. Use as many nouns and pronouns as possible. Then identify each pronoun and the word it refers to.