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plural antecedent plural pronoun
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first-person antecedent first-person pronoun
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example: I carefully used a net to catch **my** pet fish.
third-person antecedent third-person pronoun



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3. Great white sharks have a white underbelly, which is how they _____
got the name.
4. Mrs. Makayla couldn't believe their eyes when a pod of _____
dolphins swam right next to the boat.
5. James and Lena looked for shark teeth as they walked along _____
the beach.
6. Many different types of sea creatures call coral reefs its home. _____
7. I made a poster for my science class about how to protect _____
coral reefs.
8. My family and I are going on their first whale watching trip. _____

ANSWER KEY

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