

Common Mistakes: Pronouns

Pronouns need to be clear! Go through your paper and underline all pronouns. Are they confusing?

Unclear:

Einstein was a brilliant mathematician. This is how he was able to explain the universe.

Clear:

Einstein, who was a brilliant mathematician, used his ability with numbers to explain the universe.

Unclear:

Because Senator Martin is less interested in the environment than in economic development, he sometimes neglects it.

Clear:

Because of his interest in economic development, Senator Martin sometimes neglects the environment.

I

He

She

It

They

We

You

Me

Her

Him

It

Your

Our

Their

His

Her

Its

Them

Us

This

My

You

Be especially careful
using:

It

They

This

That

These

Those

Which