

# Q05 Exercise

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1. Figure out which *it/its* in each sentence is in the scope of the quantifier in **boldface**.

Note, the sentence doesn't have to be very realistic or smooth-sounding; here we are just looking for *possible scope*.

- (1) *The artist sent every painting with a copy of its provenance certificate.*
- (2) **Every cat** fooled a child with its own collar and took its bone from a dog.
- (3) *It remained a mystery why the dog chased every cat with its own collar and brought a mouse with it.*

2. Create a scenario that gives the universal quantifier in each sentence a **wide scope** reading, with respect to the other scope-bearing expression in **boldface**.

- (4) *Every doctor checked **a patient**.*
- (5) *We **almost** beat every team in the conference.*

3. Create a scenario that gives the universal quantifier in each sentence a **narrow scope** reading, with respect to the other scope-bearing expression in **boldface**.

- (6) *Every doctor checked **a patient**.*
- (7) *We **almost** beat every team in the conference.*

4. In sentences (4-7), which ones have surface scope, and which ones have inverse scope?