Pronoun Agreement – Exercise 3

This handout accompanies Exercise 3 of *Grammar Bytes!* Get the answers by doing the interactive version of the exercise at this address: <u>http://chompchomp.com/exercises.htm</u>

Directions: In the space provided, fix the underlined error.

- 1. If everyone picked up a single piece of litter every day, <u>they</u> would discover that the planet would become a much cleaner place.
 - 2. The Committee of Victorious Vegetarians picketed the cafeteria so that **they** could protest the cruel and unusual treatment of plant matter by the cooks.
 - _____3. Not only the city council members but also the mayor donated <u>their</u> lunch money to a downtown shelter for World Hunger Day.
 - 4. My thirty-six-year-old brother still prizes a squirrel skull and a cigar box full of baseball cards because it is a relic from his happy childhood.
 - 5. While they were watching the Battle of the Bands, Mark and Pedro made bets on which musician of Nuclear Toasters would trash **their** guitar first.
 - _____6. When a tornado appeared on the horizon, the family agreed that **they** would have to postpone the picnic.
 - Jenny almost stabbed her husband Bill with the \$150 sewing scissors because he had used <u>it</u> to cut roofing shingles.
 - _____8. Before a person adopts a big, hairy dog, <u>they need</u> to consider the amount of time spent vacuuming the floors.
 - _9. Captain Kirk, as well as the other bridge crew, denied that <u>they</u> had dented the right thruster of the *Enterprise* while buzzing a Romulan outpost.
 - 10. Every student, professor, librarian, groundskeeper, secretary, and coach cheered <u>their</u> approval when the cafeteria staff agreed to treat vegetables more kindly.
 - _11. My friend Eric, like too many students in our Basic Spanish class, believes that they don't need to learn a foreign language.

- 12. If a person wants to eat healthy fast food, **they** should try Tito's Taco Palace because it generously provides at least four ounces of high-protein insects in every tortilla.
- 13. Neither of those two surfers realizes <u>their</u> dangling arms and splashing legs are captivating a hungry shark cruising under the waves.
 - _14. Either Ryan or his brothers will give <u>his</u> socks to a complete stranger complaining about blisters.
- __15. Each pig, chicken, goose, and rabbit breathed a sigh of relief and wiped the proverbial sweat from <u>their brows</u> when Farmer Jackson grabbed a rake instead of the butchering hatchet.
- __16. My friends would argue less if everyone kept opinions about basketball, music, and women to <u>themselves</u>.
- __17. After closing the restaurant, the pizzeria staff drove home, fell into <u>its bed</u>, and dreamed about things as diverse as Corvettes, poodles, and skies full of spinning pepperoni slices.
 - 18. Bernie's Burger Emporium claims that <u>their</u> burgers are low fat, but the optional condiments I need to make the dry patties palatable add plenty of calories.
- 19. Not only the cats but also Jasper the dog believes that the bed is **theirs**, and humans are permitted to sleep on it only because they warm the mattress.
 - 20. When classes begin this year, Edgewater High School will allow <u>their</u> students to have piercings only in their ears.

