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Pronoun Reference – Exercise 1

This handout accompanies Exercise 1 of *Grammar Bytes!* Get the answers by doing the interactive version of the exercise at this address: <http://chompchomp.com/exercises.htm>

Directions: Determine whether the sentences below contain pronoun reference errors. **Fix any problems that you find.**

1. Fred told Tony that polka-dotted underwear was showing through the ripped seat of his dress pants.
2. Brendan's snoring was so loud that he distracted everyone in class from the exciting pronoun reference lecture.
3. Ms. Simmons decided to postpone the pronoun reference quiz so that her composition students could discuss their new 3,000-word essay. This made everyone happy.
4. Partially hydrogenated oils can be especially dangerous to your health, so you should eliminate this type of fat from your diet.
5. It says in this week's *National Inquisitor* that Elvis Presley manages a surf shop in Boca Raton, Florida.
6. The West Coast is a beautiful area of the country, but I have a real fear of earthquakes. They claim that the next big quake might dump half of California into the Pacific Ocean.
7. Last night at 3:00 a.m., Tom got out of bed, walked outside, turned on the hose, and used it to soak the two tomcats whining and hissing under his bedroom window.
8. After flunking the chemistry exam, Theodore brought peanut butter cookies to Dr. Wilson, his professor, who was not pleased by this.
9. It was 2 p.m., and it was hardly cloudy when it started to drizzle, and it was interesting to Sarah to watch a rainbow form over the city.
10. Big Boy, which is a trained killer whale at Ocean World, tried to swallow a New Jersey toddler who wanted to pet Big Boy's nose.
11. I cannot ride roller coasters like the Kumba at Busch Gardens because they always make you dizzy and sick.

12. Because they are always gossiping behind the counter instead of cleaning the dining area, Tito's Taco Palace is always filthy.
13. Trina's eyes filled with tears of joy when she received an expensive box of chocolate-covered ants from her boyfriend Bob.
14. The stray tomcat who lurks around Tony's house has two tattered ears and a missing eye.
15. Derek waited until the last minute to start his research essay, so he had to stay up all night to write a lousy paper that will anger Mr. Hayden, his professor.
16. The pizza toppings were so chewy and slimy that they gave everyone the experience of eating raw newts and salamanders.
17. My dog Floyd, who enjoys eating pizza, has developed a terrible case of pepperoni breath.
18. Mrs. Geiger told Maria, her student, that she needed to conquer her fear of computers because they are a valuable research tool.
19. During the worst airline meal in the history of commercial flight, the captain of the 747 announced that the plane was experiencing engine trouble. This really distressed the passengers.
20. It says in the course syllabus that whining about grades will cost a student twenty points at the end of the semester.



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