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Pronoun Reference – Exercise 2

This handout accompanies Exercise 2 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. Bernard's hair is so long that this young man really needs to visit a barber before his interview at the bank.
2. Calm Calvin never gets nervous before making a speech in Mrs. Smith's class, and he is so relaxed that he can fall asleep during a root canal at the dentist's office. This really amazes his friends.
3. Mrs. Olsen told her neighbor Marge that she was going to set all of Mayfair Circle aflame with the thousands of Christmas lights in her yard.
4. I need to write a letter to the *Orlando Sentinel* because they have cancelled my favorite section of the newspaper, the daily horoscopes.
5. The neighbors' lawn is so overgrown that they could have a dead body lying in the weeds without anyone knowing it.
6. In some college classes, you will have instructors who begin the lecture five minutes before your class is supposed to start and then keep you five minutes after class should have let out.
7. Lilly Mae made a terrible announcement: She didn't have enough squid eyeball stew to serve everyone, so a volunteer would need to brave the blizzard to fetch a can of stewed tomatoes from the store.
8. It said in today's horoscope that all Pisces should avoid eating tuna salad.
9. There are more sightings of extraterrestrials than there are of Elvis. Some of them say that Elvis was actually from the planet Zortek.
10. It was a cold, wet January evening when Barry's watch alarm beeped to remind Barry that it was 11 p.m., and so it was time to take a study break from calculus before it was too late to visit Tito's Taco Palace for a cheap snack.

11. Shirley finds her biology text a wonderful book because the authors always clearly explain difficult concepts to you.
12. A thinking person wonders why Wiley Coyote, who is always trying to catch the Roadrunner, doesn't just order a bucket of original recipe from KFC.
13. It was a beautiful, cloudless night when it became apparent to Avery that a space alien from Zortek was about to steal her Elvis records, so it was necessary for Avery to get a kitchen knife and defend the collection as it was worth a lot of money.
14. Julie sat down to a huge bowl of Chocolate-Broccoli Puffs, a new breakfast cereal, and ate every spoonful. And they say that broccoli isn't a morning food!
15. As Ms. Simmons was explaining the twenty-seventh rule for pronoun reference, a spider crawled into Sergio's hair. This really distressed him.
16. Edline visits the ATM before going to the discount warehouse because she always finds giant bottles of ketchup or ten-pound bags of cookies that you must buy.
17. CJ told Frank that Ms. Orsini had assigned twenty more chapters in *Moby-Dick*, so he picked up the thick book and began to read.
18. Yara thinks that algebraic equations are more beautiful than romantic poetry. Her boyfriends must know this quirk when they whisper sweetly in her ear.
19. In ancient Egypt, you had to pay huge sums of money to be entombed in a sarcophagus; most inhabitants had their mummified remains buried in the desert sand and soon became dust.
20. Diane's beagle Santana, who is two years old, loves to bay at the full moon and drink out of greasy puddles in the apartment complex parking lot.

