PRONOUN CASE – EXERCISE 4 (WE, US, OUR, OURS, AND OURSELVES)

Directions: Fill in the blanks with the appropriate choices—we, us, our, ours, or ourselves. Check your answers with the interactive version of the exercise.

1. We tried to make cupcakes ______, but the cake was dry and the frosting drippy, so we bought a dozen from the bakery instead.
   
   A. ourself  
   B. ourselves  
   C. ourselves

2. Did you notice the toilet paper streamers hanging from the Pattersons’ trees? It was ______ who did the “decorating”!
   
   A. we  
   B. us

3. In an angry whisper, Leslie asked us to put down our sodas. ______ slurping was drawing angry glances from the test proctor, which made consulting her cheat sheet more dangerous.
   
   A. Us  
   B. Our
4. The tutor watched as we scribbled, sighed, and erased calculations. She asked if we wanted help, but we insisted on solving the problem _______.

A. ourself
B. ourselves

5. Has anyone seen Squeeze, a ten-foot albino python? He belongs to _______ two.

A. we
B. us

6. Don’t call Animal Control! That ten-foot albino python is _______.

A. ours
B. our’s
C. ours’

7. The bakery manager told _______ shoppers that fresh chocolate-broccoli muffins were ready to purchase.

A. we
B. us

8. Sylvester photocopied his notes for those of us who missed class; _______ recipients appreciated the help but couldn’t read his chicken scratch handwriting.

A. we
B. us
9. We can’t believe you ate the leftover Chinese food! We are starving, and it was ________!
   A. ours
   B. our’s
   C. ours’

10. Were those your clothes in the dryer? It was ________ who folded them when the cycle ended.
    A. we
    B. us

11. Professor Simpson finally relented and gave ________ students the 20 bonus points he promised if we could silence our cell phones for an entire week of class.
    A. we
    B. us

12. Mom and Dad explained that they had saved enough money to visit Daytona Beach for summer vacation; ________ kids were happy to learn that this year the family would avoid another two weeks on Aunt Imelda’s pig farm.
    A. we
    B. us

13. Simon, who was trying to finish his chemistry homework, left the room in a huff because ________ crunching popcorn was interfering with his concentration.
    A. us
    B. our
14. The hiring manager explained that arriving tardy to the interview made such a bad impression that we could just take _______ home.

A. ourself
B. ourselves

15. Professor Glennon announced that she would drop our lowest test grade to help our final averages; _______ students gave her a standing ovation, desperate to pass sociology.

A. we
B. us

16. Don’t you dare try to recruit Amanda to your presentation group! She has already agreed to join _______.

A. ours
B. our’s
C. ours’

17. Jonathan rushed into the bathroom, where we pointed at the huge spider crawling up the tile. _______ screaming had woken him from a deep sleep.

A. Us
B. Our

18. Our neighbor, a handyman by profession, offered to help, but we decided that we could fix the hole in the roof _______.

A. ourself
B. ourselves
19.  Rhonda’s birthday party got a little out of hand. It might have been ______ whom you heard playing loud music late last night.
   A. we
   B. us

20.  Mr. Dickson was threatening to call the homeowner’s association. ______ choosing hot pink paint not only was against the regulations but also would bring down his property value.
   A. Us
   B. Our