

Pronoun Reference – Exercise 3

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Directions: In the blank on the left, fix the underlined error.

- _____ 1. In the last seconds of the game, Leroy passed the basketball to Marc, and then he tripped over an untied shoelace and broke his arm.
- _____ 2. The computer geek's biggest dream was to hack his way into the Defense Department's mainframe. Was he ever surprised when the FBI burst into his apartment.
- _____ 3. While terrifying, hungry space aliens were holding the class hostage, Mr. Parker announced that the research essays were due early—on Friday, not Monday. This really distressed the poor students.
- _____ 4. Lori surprised everyone when, at age nineteen, she saved enough money to make a down payment on her own home. And they say that young people don't understand financial responsibility!
- _____ 5. It says in the syllabus that Prof. Duncan won't tolerate tardiness, but we were not surprised to see Will peeking through the classroom window, hoping that he could enter late once again.
- _____ 6. Jenny found a hungry, lost kitten in the mall parking lot. She brought it home to live with her twenty-three other cats. Cat food and litter get expensive if you have such a kind heart!
- _____ 7. Mrs. Schmitz explained to her assistant Julie that she would need a cup of coffee to finish payroll on time.
- _____ 8. So strained were Bob's eyes from staring at a computer monitor all day that he had a killer headache. Not even six aspirin would dull the pain.
- _____ 9. Because of the category 5 hurricane, all of Central Florida had lost electrical power, so Mike couldn't watch the *Nightmare on Elm Street* marathon on HBO. That really bothered him.
- _____ 10. Judi will never fly again. This past weekend it explained on *Sixty Minutes* that the Federal Aviation Authority allows unsafe passenger jets to fly.

- _____ 11. Harold perused the beef items on the menu. Then Maria, his vegetarian girlfriend, began to nag about it, so Harold ordered spinach ravioli instead.
- _____ 12. Being an astronaut is a difficult career. You have to tolerate days in space without a shower.
- _____ 13. Because the engine was idling so hard that Owen bounced in his seat at red lights, he took it to a repair shop where the mechanics explained that he needed a tune up.
- _____ 14. At the top of Mt. Everest, the highest peak in the Himalayas, you must find the stamina, supplies, and good luck to make the trip back down to base camp.
- _____ 15. A group of waiters arrived at Cecelia's table to sing happy birthday. Cecelia hates having them at restaurants because her family can't be trusted not to arrange this yearly embarrassment.
- _____ 16. The horse's tail whipped from side to side as it tolerated the long, stinging needle that Dr. Syler used for vaccinations.
- _____ 17. Because the sky was clouding up, Jack found his umbrella and wrapped it in his hiking jacket. This way, if rain began, he would have it as he made his trek across campus for his afternoon chemistry lab.
- _____ 18. Dusty took Chris on his pizza deliveries so that he would not be obsessing alone about his recent breakup with the beautiful Gloria.
- _____ 19. In the NBA, you supplement franchise income with endorsements for products ranging from athletic shoes to bubblegum.
- _____ 20. My dependable car, who has taken me over 120,000 miles, still has a smoothly purring engine.



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