

PRONOUN REFERENCE – EXERCISE 5

Directions: Choose the option that corrects an error in the underlined portions. *The correction should sound natural and be logical.* If no error exists, choose “No change is necessary.” Check your answers with the [interactive version](#) of the exercise.

1. Because Tara and Diana worked the closing shift at Tito’s Taco Palace, ^(A) they often arrived to class with ^(B) their eyes barely open. Tara would have given Diana the correct answer to number seven on the chemistry exam if ^(C) she hadn’t fallen asleep in the middle of it.

A. she
B. her
C. Diana
D. No change is necessary.

2. The puppy was howling; explosions and gunfire boomed from the television; and a tray of brownies was calling Fred's name from the kitchen. This made studying for the pronoun reference quiz impossible.

A. kitchen, which made
B. kitchen. That made
C. kitchen. Fred's desire for chocolate made
D. No change is necessary.

3. Bob's hands were so cramped from typing a 2,000-word essay that ^(A) **the poor boy** stuck ^(B) **his fingers** in an ice-cold glass of soda so that ^(C) **he** wouldn't feel the pain.
- A. he
B. the fingers of Bob
C. it
D. No change is necessary.
4. ^(A) **You** ought to take my advice and register for ^(B) **your** fall classes early. ^(C) **They** say that first semester courses fill the most quickly.
- A. One
B. his or her
C. Counselors
D. No change is necessary.
5. Mrs. Jones explained to her niece **Fiona that she couldn't poison the neighbor's barking dog no matter how much she needed her beauty sleep.**
- A. Fiona, "You can't poison the neighbor's barking dog no matter how much you need your beauty sleep."
B. Fiona, "She couldn't poison the neighbor's barking dog no matter how much she needed her beauty sleep."
C. Fiona "that she couldn't poison the neighbor's barking dog no matter how much she needed her beauty sleep."
D. No change is necessary.
6. **It says in this week's National Inquisitor** that Big Foot walked into a convenience store and stole twelve boxes of donuts.
- A. In this week's *National Inquisitor*, it says
B. It says, "In this week's *National Inquisitor*
C. This week's *National Inquisitor* says
D. No change is necessary.

7. Many people ^(A) **who buy** a new puppy believe that the young dog should automatically behave as well as Lassie, ^(B) **who had** years of obedience training and ^(C) **which** was a mature animal with control of her bladder.
- A. which buy
B. which had
C. who
D. No change is necessary.
8. Nick used to love water skiing and swimming in Florida lakes, but now he worries about the pollution and high bacteria rates. ^(A) **They** say that brain-sucking amoebae can crawl up ^(B) **a person's** nose and kill ^(C) **the victim** in days.
- A. News reports
B. your
C. you
D. No change is necessary.
9. Marjorie made a grab for the last donut, ^(A) **which** glistened with fresh glaze. Suzanne, ^(B) **who** had not eaten in twelve hours, threw a hard enough punch to break ^(C) **her** arm.
- A. who
B. that
C. Marjorie's
D. No change is necessary.
10. **It says on the bathroom wall** that Joe will sell the answers to the pronoun reference quiz for five dollars.
- A. The bathroom wall says
B. On the bathroom wall, it says
C. On the bathroom wall, they say
D. No change is necessary.

11. Mickey Mouse, ^(A) **who** greets guests at the gates of the Magic Kingdom, is really a five-foot young woman ^(B) **who** wishes that her costume, ^(C) **which** weighs thirty pounds, was air conditioned.
- A. that
B. which
C. who
D. No change is necessary.
12. ^(A) **I always arrive** to class on time because ^(B) **I want** the 25 points for perfect attendance that Prof. Smith will give ^(C) **you** at the end of the semester.
- A. You always arrive
B. you want
C. me
D. No change is necessary.
13. At the pet store, Felicia fell in love with a beagle puppy that she impulsively bought. ^(A) **They** say that no reputable ^(B) **breeder** will sell puppies to ^(C) **a pet store**.
- A. Dog books
B. one
C. them
D. No change is necessary.
14. Olivia told Maggie that writing ^(A) **essays** for English class was more important than flirting with ^(B) **cute guys** in the cafeteria if ^(C) **she** planned to complete her degree.
- A. them
B. them
C. Olivia
D. No change is necessary.

15. An inconsiderate driver tailgated Chad for five miles and then honked annoyingly when Chad slowed to make his **turn. It** really made him angry.
- A. turn. This
 - B. turn, which
 - C. turn. This jerk
 - D. No change is necessary.
16. ^(A) **It is necessary for Renee to** fulfill her science requirement. She won't take a chemistry class because ^(B) **it requires** too much math. Marine Biology would be a better choice because ^(C) **it would give** her an opportunity to smile every day at Mr. McCourt, the cute new professor.
- A. Renee must
 - B. they require
 - C. they would give
 - D. No change is necessary.
17. Brandt worked a double shift waiting tables at Bernie's Burger Emporium, stayed awake to write ^(A) **his research essay**, and then attended ^(B) **his four back-to-back classes**. Isn't it amazing what ^(C) **you** will do for an education?
- A. one's research essay
 - B. one's four back-to-back classes
 - C. he
 - D. No change is necessary.

18. Ever since Tikeja began her internship at the hospital, she has tried to take better care of her health. **They claim** that eating five servings of fruit and vegetables will protect a person from many diseases such as cancer.
- A. We claim
 - B. Doctors claim
 - C. One of them claims
 - D. No change is necessary.
19. **My dog's toenails** click on the wood floor as she chases the cats away from their food bowl.
- A. My dog's claws
 - B. Oreo's toenails
 - C. The toenails of my dog
 - D. No change is necessary.
20. My friend Harold, ^(A) **who** had Mr. Byrnes last semester for US Government, never received an A on an essay. ^(B) **They** say that ^(C) **Mr. Byrnes** has absolutely no patience for grammar errors of any kind.
- A. which
 - B. Other students
 - C. he
 - D. No change is necessary.

