Word Choice – Exercise 9: Whose and Who’s

This handout accompanies Exercise 9 of Grammar Bytes! Get the answers by doing the interactive version of the exercise at this address: http://chompchomp.com/exercises.htm

Directions: Fill in the blanks with the appropriate choice—whose or who’s.

1. If you want to identify that ugly bug in your hair, ask Claudia, __________ collection of beetles covers every inch of her bedroom walls.

2. The biggest entertainment at the picnic was Louis, __________ ability to eat an entire hotdog in one mouthful amazed everyone who watched him demonstrate this feat fifteen times.

3. In the computer lab sits Veronica, __________ furiously typing as she attempts to meet Dr. William’s nonnegotiable deadline for the research paper.

4. __________ going to bait Jerry’s hook and gut his fish if you invite your squeamish brother to come fishing with us?

5. Before you buy a pit bull or Rottweiler puppy, talk to Thomas, __________ attack hamster will bite the fingers of any hand that enters its cage.

6. As Mom stood in front of the frozen vegetables, she thought of Lorraine, __________ loathing of lima beans would mean a dinner’s worth of complaints if Mom chose them for dinner.

7. Pirouetting by the cash register is Celina, __________ as comfortable dancing in line at the cafeteria as she is in ballet studio.

8. We all turned to stare at Brenda, __________ wacky hairstyle included feathers, ribbons, and macaroni braided into her hair.

9. Clive sat behind Julie, __________ long, curly, red hair dripped down her white shoulders like strawberry syrup over vanilla ice cream.

10. Tanya, __________ praying no one requests the last slice of cheese pizza, waited in the long cafeteria line.

11. Professor Byrnes sighed with impatience after he called on Kevin, __________ lack of preparation always holds up the rest of the enthusiastic class.

12. Jackie bought a half dozen tennis balls for her golden retriever Oliver, __________ bad habit of chewing off the fuzzy skins is expensive.

13. Francisco steeled himself for a 50-minute class with his theatrical math teacher, __________ jerky hand movements cause students in the front row to cringe like beaten dogs.

14. Jerrod, __________ ashamed that he ate the last doughnut, is discreetly wiping strawberry jelly from the corner of his mouth.

15. Latoya chuckled as she watched her little brother Reggie, __________ little finger waved in the air as he attempted sophistication while drinking hot tea.
16. Our dog Cooper, _______ waiting politely under the table, expects a meatball from everyone before dinner is over.

17. _______ fungus-covered chicken salad sandwich is polluting the refrigerator in the lounge?

18. Mrs. Currall returned the A+ essay to Andre, _______ smile flashed despite his usual surly attitude in class.

19. Even though the lecture had begun, we knew we could soon expect Sasha, _______ always hitting the snooze button on the alarm instead of getting out of bed to be on time.

20. _______ going to drive Raymond to the park? He spilled a chocolate milkshake on my leather upholstery last week, so he cannot ride with me.