

# PRONOUN SHIFT

**Directions:** Choose the option that corrects an error in the underlined portion(s). If no error exists, choose “No change is necessary.”

1. We were starving but decided to make the long drive home because the choices at the food court would have poisoned you.
  - A. us
  - B. her
  - C. them
  - D. No change is necessary.
  
2. Today <sup>(A)</sup> you can buy fried chicken in minutes at a fast food drive-thru. But in the 1800s, <sup>(B)</sup> you had to slaughter, pluck, and cook the bird <sup>(C)</sup> herself to serve chicken for dinner.
  - A. she
  - B. a woman
  - C. ourselves
  - D. No change is necessary.
  
3. When a student has disappointed a professor, you can always try smiling in class or offering a compliment to get back on the teacher’s good side.
  - A. students have
  - B. I have
  - C. you have
  - D. No change is necessary.

4. Athletes need to stay hydrated. <sup>(A)</sup> **They** can choose plain water from a fountain, but <sup>(B)</sup> **you** might prefer a drink that adds electrolytes so that <sup>(C)</sup> **their** performance is optimal.
- A. You  
B. they  
C. our  
D. No change is necessary.
5. Fritz refuses to buy books until after the semester has begun. The texts professors require on the syllabus are often not necessary for **your** success in class.
- A. my  
B. our  
C. his  
D. No change is necessary.
6. <sup>(A)</sup> **I refuse** to drive on the interstate at rush hour. Too many drivers are whipping in and out of lanes, careless about how <sup>(B)</sup> **their** behavior affects <sup>(C)</sup> **you**.
- A. We should refuse  
B. my  
C. me  
D. No change is necessary.
7. If you are daring, try this bacon-maple ice cream sundae that I made. The combination of salty and sweet might appeal to **you**.
- A. me  
B. them  
C. her  
D. No change is necessary.

8. (A) **You** can fix your money problems with a little financial discipline. (B) **You** must pay (C) **yourself** first, putting a few dollars into savings before tackling any of the other bills.
- A. We  
B. People  
C. themselves  
D. No change is necessary.
9. Malcolm and Dwayne are in competition for Yolanda's love. Buying flowers would win **you** a woman's affection.
- A. them  
B. him  
C. us  
D. No change is necessary.
10. Professional race car drivers listen closely to (A) **their** engines. (B) **You** can anticipate performance variations based on sounds (C) **a regular driver** would miss.
- A. your  
B. They  
C. we  
D. No change is necessary.

