

PRONOUN AGREEMENT – EXERCISE 1

Directions: Choose the pronoun that establishes agreement. Check your answers with the [interactive version](#) of the exercise.

1. Before my lecture on good nutrition, neither of my uncles knew that chocolate-broccoli muffins were a good way to increase ____ intake of vitamin C.

A. his
B. their
2. The troupe of jugglers shocked ____ audience when an ill-flung knife impaled our friend Jarod's foot.

A. its
B. their
3. Either the assistant managers or Mrs. Wallace, the owner, must give ____ permission for you to return that half-eaten double cheeseburger.

A. her
B. their
4. Both the computer screen and the refrigerator door have ____ smeared with dog snot from our curious puppy Oreo.

A. its shiny surface
B. their shiny surfaces

5. As a result of Coach Moody's demanding training, the team from Weaver High School inevitably outperforms ____ competition at every track meet.
- A. its
B. their
6. At the Halloween dance, the catering committee received many compliments for ____ squid eyeball stew.
- A. its
B. their
7. The new and improved laundry detergent restored Hector's mud-stained pants to ____ original condition.
- A. its
B. their
8. As we slogged through Melville's *Moby-Dick*, Professor Carson asked us to determine the motivation of each character on the *Pequod* and what archetype ____ .
- A. he best represents
B. they best represent
9. Every puppy and kitten will cry at night until ____ owner offers a spot on the bed.
- A. its
B. their
10. Do you think that any of these playlists will calm down high-strung Helena with ____ soothing melodies?
- A. its
B. their

11. My grandmother, as well as too many other Americans, believes every silly word that ____ in trashy supermarket tabloids.
- A. she reads
 - B. they read
12. If either of Leonard's nieces hopes to try one of Louise's famous fudge-stuffed mushrooms, ____ had better hurry before the other guests devour all these delicious treats.
- A. she
 - B. they
13. Each of these computers has ____ own technical glitch that can frustrate the user.
- A. its
 - B. their
14. If Tito's Taco Palace continues to increase ____ prices, Samantha will not be able to afford even the cheapest lunch burrito.
- A. its
 - B. their
15. Tito's Taco Palace stuffs ____ tortillas with many unusual items; for example, you can order peanut butter and guava jelly burritos or cricket and mango tacos.
- A. its
 - B. their

16. On the hike through the forest, not only all the Girl Scouts but also Mrs. Pennington, the troop leader, looked up in surprise as a giant spaceship descended from the sky and hovered above ____.
- A. her head
 - B. their head
17. Sonya must remember to buy shampoo so that her roommates can wash ____ hair tomorrow morning with something other than dish soap.
- A. his or her
 - B. their
18. Neither Floyd the dog nor Madison's three cats enjoy sleeping on the hard, cold floor when ____ can jump onto the soft, warm bed as soon as she leaves for work.
- A. he
 - B. they
19. These two young men will not pass the final exam in Fundamentals of Biology because ____ spent the semester flirting with the pretty Josephine instead of listening to Professor Shuman.
- A. he has
 - B. they have
20. Not only the crickets but also a frog chirped outside David's window for so long last night that ____ kept the poor boy from getting any rest before his important pronoun agreement quiz.
- A. it
 - B. they

