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PRONOUN REFERENCE – EXERCISE 1

Directions: In the sentences below, fix any pronoun reference errors that you find. Check your answers with the **interactive version** of the exercise.

- 1. Fred told Tony that polka-dotted underwear was showing through the ripped seat of his dress pants.
- 2. Brendan's snoring was so loud that he distracted everyone in class from the exciting pronoun reference lecture.
- 3. Ms. Simmons decided to postpone the pronoun reference quiz so that her composition students could discuss their new 3,000-word essay. This made everyone happy.
- 4. Partially hydrogenated oils can be especially dangerous to your health, so you should eliminate this type of fat from your diet.
- 5. It says in this week's *National Inquisitor* that Elvis Presley manages a surf shop in Boca Raton, Florida.
- 6. The West Coast is a beautiful area of the country, but I have a real fear of earthquakes. They claim that the next big quake might dump half of California into the Pacific Ocean.
- 7. Last night at 3:00 a.m., Tom got out of bed, walked outside, turned on the hose, and used it to soak the two tomcats whining and hissing under his bedroom window.

- 8. After flunking the chemistry exam, Theodore brought peanut butter cookies to Dr. Wilson, his professor, who was not pleased by this.
- 9. It was 2 p.m., and it was hardly cloudy when it started to drizzle, and it was interesting to Sarah to watch a rainbow form over the city.
- 10. Big Boy, which is a trained killer whale at Ocean World, tried to swallow a New Jersey toddler who wanted to pet Big Boy's nose.
- 11. I cannot ride roller coasters like the Kumba at Busch Gardens because they always make you dizzy and sick.
- 12. Because they are always gossiping behind the counter instead of cleaning the dining area, Tito's Taco Palace is always filthy.
- 13. Trina's eyes filled with tears of joy when she received an expensive box of chocolate-covered ants from her boyfriend Bob.
- 14. The stray tomcat who lurks around Tony's house has two tattered ears and a missing eye.
- 15. Derek waited until the last minute to start his research essay, so he had to stay up all night to write a lousy paper that will anger Mr. Hayden, his professor.
- 16. The pizza toppings were so chewy and slimy that they gave everyone the experience of eating raw newts and salamanders.
- 17. My dog Floyd, who enjoys eating pizza, has developed a terrible case of pepperoni breath.
- 18. Mrs. Geiger told Maria, her student, that she needed to conquer her fear of computers because they are a valuable research tool.

- 19. During the worst airline meal in the history of commercial flight, the captain of the 747 announced that the plane was experiencing engine trouble. This really distressed the passengers.
- 20. It says in the course syllabus that whining about grades will cost a student twenty points at the end of the semester.