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## Pronoun Agreement – Exercise 1

This handout accompanies Exercise 1 of *Grammar Bytes!* Get the answers by doing the interactive version of the exercise at this address: <http://chompchomp.com/exercises.htm>

**Directions:** In the space provided, fix the underlined error.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Nobody knows that eating chocolate-broccoli muffins is a good way to provide **their bodies** with vitamin C.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. The troupe of knife jugglers shocked **their** audience when a butcher knife accidentally decapitated the head of an old woman's poodle.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Either the grill crew or the manager must give **their** permission for you to return that half-eaten double cheeseburger.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Both the computer monitor and the refrigerator door have **its** shiny surface smeared with dog snot from our curious puppy Oreo.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Which member of your track team makes **their** opponents resemble turtles trying to compete with a hare?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. The catering committee for the Halloween dance received many compliments for **their** squid eyeball stew.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. The new and improved laundry detergent restored Hector's mud-stained pants to **its** original condition.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. After feeding several quarters into the gumball machine, a person learns that **they have** little chance of receiving the miniature camera in the display.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Mrs. Carson, like every other American literature teacher, has **their** own interpretation of the symbols in *Moby-Dick*.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Every puppy and kitten will cry at night until **their** owner comes to carry it to bed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. My grandmother, as well as too many other Americans, believes every word **they read** in the *National Enquirer*.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. If anyone wishes to try one of Louise's famous fudge-stuffed mushrooms, **they** had better hurry before the guests devour all of these delicious treats.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Each of these computers has **their** own technical glitch that can frustrate the user.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. If Tito's Taco Palace continues to increase **their** prices, Samantha won't be able to afford the cheapest lunch burrito.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Tito's Taco Palace stuffs **their** tortillas with many unusual items; for example, you can order peanut butter and octopus burritos or tarantula and mango tacos.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. Every neighbor on my street looked up in surprise as the giant spaceship descended from the sky and hovered above **their heads**.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. Someone in the apartment needs to remember to buy shampoo unless everyone wants to wash **their** hair tomorrow morning with dish soap.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. Neither Floyd the dog nor Madison's three cats enjoy sleeping on the hard, cold floor when **he** can jump onto the soft, warm bed as soon as she leaves for work.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. These two young men will not pass the final exam in Fundamentals of Biology because **he has** spent the semester flirting with the pretty Josephine instead of listening to Dr. Shuman.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. Not only the crickets but also a frog chirped outside David's window for so long last night that **they** kept the poor boy from getting any rest before his important pronoun agreement quiz.



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