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## Pronoun Agreement – Exercise 4

This handout accompanies Exercise 4 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. If every student writes the required 6,000 words for the research essay, they will keep poor Prof. O'Brien busy grading papers until the end of the semester.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. My weird neighbors believe that the Loch Ness Monster ate Elvis, but he or she disagrees that space aliens have kidnapped the brain of the President.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. During away games, neither the basketball players nor Coach Jones can get their beauty sleep because the college vans bounce along on bad shock absorbers.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Both the living room furniture and the kitchen counter have its surface scarred from cigarettes that my chain-smoking Aunt Mary carelessly put down.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Watching the new recruits marching in the hot sun, the two drill sergeants made bets on which soldier would be the first to vomit their lunch during the strenuous exercise.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. When the earthquake shook everyone awake, the family dashed outside without worrying about their possessions in the house.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. After using the scissors to trim a loose thread on his new suit, Marvin left it on the couch where his mother later stabbed her thigh on the sharp points.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Before a person buys a car with a V-8 engine, they need to think about the frequent trips to the gas pump to fill the tank.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. A crew member on the Enterprise learns never to make bald jokes in front of Captain Picard, for he will make them scrub all fifty transporter pads with a toothbrush.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. All of the clowns, acrobats, animal trainers, and audience members gasped in horror when he or she saw the knife juggler accidentally slice off his own hand with a chainsaw.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Both of my sisters believe that Mom and Dad love our brother Fred more than **her**.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. If students want to do well on the pronoun agreement quiz, **he or she** should have faithfully studied all of the rules governing agreement.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. The nursing program at the college can boast that **their** students often have a 100 percent pass rate on the state boards.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. Each of these NFL players will tell you about a game when **they** played despite a pulled muscle, injured knee, or cracked rib.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. The city's marine aquarium spends thousands of dollars a day to feed **their** animals fresh fish, crustaceans, and seaweed flown in from around the world.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. The class members brought **his or her** heavy textbooks only to discover that an amiable substitute teacher was showing a movie that required no note-taking.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. After complaining about aching backs, the class enjoyed **their** day of respite from old Mr. Matthews and his nonstop lecturing.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. Not only the customers but also the cashier ran for the door when **they** saw the giant green Martian walk into the diner.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. Neither the raw oysters nor the crispy fried squid tentacles appeal to Christine, who would never consider letting **it** touch her lips.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. At the neighborhood grocery store, all the cashiers, shoppers, and managers held **his or her** breath as a circus ringmaster led a baby elephant down the snack aisle to buy peanuts.



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