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**English 80: Pronoun Agreement and Reference Practice**

**Part 1: Cross out the pronoun error in each sentence and write the correction in the space provided at the left. Then circle the letter that correctly describes the type of error that was made.**

Examples:

his (or her) Each player took ~~their~~ position on the court.

*Mistake in*: a. pronoun agreement b. pronoun reference

The store I was angry that ~~they~~ wouldn’t give me cash back when I returned the sweater I had bought.

*Mistake in*: a. pronoun agreement b. pronoun reference

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 1. Dan asked Mr. Sanchez if he could stay an extra hour after work.

*Mistake in*: a. pronoun agreement b. pronoun reference

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2. Both the front door and the back door of the abandoned house had fallen off its hinges.

*Mistake in*: a. pronoun agreement b. pronoun reference

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 3. I’ve been taking cold medicine, and now it is better.

*Mistake in*: a. pronoun agreement b. pronoun reference

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 4. Norm was angry when they raised the state tax on cigarettes.

*Mistake in*: a. pronoun agreement b. pronoun reference

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 5. Every one of those musicians who played for two hours in the rain truly earned their money

last night.

*Mistake in*: a. pronoun agreement b. pronoun reference

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 6. An annual flu shot is a good idea; they will help children and older people stay healthy.

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\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 7. Each of the candidates is asked a thought provoking question and then judged on their

answer.

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\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 8. Indira could not believe that they had changed the immigration laws again.

*Mistake in*: a. pronoun agreement b. pronoun reference

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 9. At the dental office, I asked him if it was really necessary to take X-rays of my mouth again.

*Mistake in*: a. pronoun agreement b. pronoun reference

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 10. Every ant in the bustling anthill has their own job to do that helps support the entire

Community

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**Part 2: Underline the correct word in parentheses.**

1. Cindy is the kind of woman who will always do (their, her) best.
2. Hoping to be first in line when (they, the ushers) opened the doors, we arrived two hours early for the concert.
3. If a person really wants to appreciate good coffee, (he or she, they) should drink it black.
4. My children are hooked on science fiction stories because (they, the stories) allow readers to escape to other worlds.
5. Louis often visits the reading center in school, for he finds that (they, the tutors) give her helpful instructions.
6. Nobody in our house can express (his or her, their) opinion without starting an argument.
7. As the room got colder, everybody wished for (his or her, their) coat.
8. Each of my brothers has had (his, their) apartment broken into.
9. If someone is going to write a composition, (he or she, they) should prepare at least one rough draft.
10. My wife and I both need thick glasses, so I imagine our children won’t escape (it, needing glasses).