

Exercise 6: Pronoun–Antecedent Agreement and Pronoun Reference

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Revise the following sentences and passages to correct agreement and pronoun reference problems.

1. During a heart–lung transplant, it is standard procedure to sever the trachea, aorta, and right atrium of the heart in order to remove the organs.
2. The committee voted their approval of proposed research.
3. Pregnant women can exercise vigorously as long as her doctor approves.
4. When stressed to the near breaking point, all material emits their own characteristic sound waves.
5. Everyone in the department is ready to donate their time to establishing an apprentice program.
6. It is now claimed that milk may be one of the worst foods for peptic ulcers. The fat and protein in it stimulate the production of gastric acid; the calcium causes additional acid production. They can be treated with several types of medication. Traditionally, they were treated only with antacids, but then anticholinergics were developed to control gastric production. Most recently they are treated with new antihistamines called H2-receptor blockers.
7. The type of evening exercise people do may affect the time it takes them to fall asleep. Dynamic exercise such as jogging or cycling tends to lengthen the time it takes to fall asleep because of the generalized stress that results. Static exercise such as push-ups or isometrics tends to bring on sleep sooner, the result of a static muscle contraction that triggers fatigue in some people. It may help certain types of insomnia.
8. Trobriand Islanders are matrilineal, tracing their ancestors through their mother’s side of the family. The women hold high status in the society and are actively involved in ceremonial and economic functions. Their opinions are respected. This may be because, traditionally, men are thought to play no biological role in conception.
9. The point angle of a twist drill is approximately conical; it is the angle between the lips measured in the plane parallel to the drill axis and the lips. It ranges from 60° to 150° The point deviates from the conical shape due to the lip relief angle. This is necessary to permit the drill to advance into the work. For the drill to perform effectively, it is essential that it be accurately sharpened.
10. It has recently been discovered that the Wave 3000 units, beginning with s/n (serial numbers) 78-100213 through s/n 78-100713 were shipped containing a faulty 64K PROM chip. It was found that the error was in a program that has already been corrected. These 500 units should not have left the factory with this problem. It is clearly stated on page 27 of the *Wave Test Manual* the procedure to follow to verify that the memory is correct. It is absolutely essential that all procedures are followed to ensure that we are shipping a quality product. Effective immediately, if any technicians are found to be leaving out test procedures, it will result in dismissal.