

PRONOUN AGREEMENT – EXERCISE 3

Directions: Choose the pronoun that establishes agreement. Check your answers with the [interactive version](#) of the exercise.

1. Each of my brothers has some lame excuse why ____ will not recycle or carpool.
 - A. he
 - B. they

2. The Committee of Victorious Vegetarians picketed the cafeteria so that ____ could protest the cruel and unusual treatment of plant matter by the cooks.
 - A. it
 - B. they

3. Not only Mayor Lopez but also the city council members donated ____ lunch money to a downtown shelter for World Hunger Day.
 - A. her
 - B. his or her
 - C. their

4. My thirty-six-year-old brother still prizes a squirrel skull and a cigar box full of baseball cards because ____ from his happy childhood.
 - A. it is a relic
 - B. they are relics

5. While Nuclear Toasters performed during the Battle of the Bands, Mark and Pedro made ____ dizzy while head banging in the crowd.
- A. himself
B. themself
C. themselves
6. When a tornado appeared on the horizon, the family agreed that ____ would have to postpone the picnic.
- A. it
B. they
7. Jenny threatened to stab her husband Bill with the \$150 sewing scissors because he had used ____ to cut roofing shingles.
- A. it
B. them
8. The Galati family soon realized that ____ must vacuum more frequently to keep the hair of Coco, the new Labrador retriever puppy, from sticking to everyone's feet.
- A. it
B. they
9. Captain Kirk, as well as the other bridge crew, denied that ____ had dented the right thruster of the *Enterprise* while buzzing a Romulan outpost.
- A. he
B. they

10. Every student, professor, librarian, groundskeeper, secretary, and coach cheered with approval when the cafeteria staff agreed to treat more kindly the vegetables under ____ care.
- A. its
B. their
11. My friend Eric, like too many students in our Basic Spanish class, believes that ____ need to learn a foreign language.
- A. he does not
B. they do not
12. If those gourmands want a food adventure, ____ should try Tito's Taco Palace, which provides at least one exotic, high-protein insect in every tortilla.
- A. he or she
B. they
13. Neither of my brothers realized that ____ splashing legs were captivating a hungry shark cruising under the waves.
- A. his
B. their
14. Either Ryan or his brothers will give ____ socks to a stranger complaining about blisters.
- A. his
B. their

15. Each tomato, cucumber, pepper, and green bean luxuriated in the cool spray of the sprinkler while the water washed off ____ dusty skin.
- A. its
B. their
16. If my friends kept opinions about basketball, music, and politics to ____, they would argue less.
- A. him or herself
B. themselves
C. themself
17. After closing the restaurant, the pizzeria staff drove home, fell into ____, and dreamed about things as diverse as race cars, poodles, and skies full of spinning pepperoni slices.
- A. its bed
B. their beds
18. Bernie's Burger Emporium claims that ____ burgers are low fat, but the optional condiments that I require to make the dry patties palatable add plenty of calories.
- A. its
B. their
19. Not only the cats but also Jasper the dog believes that the bed is ____, and humans are permitted to sleep on it only because they warm the mattress.
- A. his
B. theirs

20. When classes begin this year, Edgewater High School will allow ____ students to have visible piercings only in their ears.
- A. its
 - B. their

