

Exercise 1

Focus: Identifying and correcting errors involving pronouns. (Note: One or two items in this exercise do not focus on pronoun errors.)

Directions: Decide which of the four underlined words or phrases-(A), (B), (C), or (D)-would not be considered correct, and write the letter and the correct expression in the blank. Write, for example (B freeze).

1. A caricature is a picture in which (A) the subject's distinctive (B) features they are (C)deliberately exaggerated (D).
2. A beaver uses its strong (A) front teeth (B) to cut down trees and peel off (C) its (D) bark.
3. Ants are blind to red light, so it is (A) possible to observe themselves (B) in an artificial nest without (C) disturbing their (D) activities.
4. An auger is a tool (A) which a carpenter uses it (B) to bore (C) holes in wood (D).
5. The glaciers in Olympia National Park are unusually (A) because they (B) are found at altitudes lower than those (C) at which (D) glaciers are usually found.
6. In his (A) novels, Sinclair Lewis drew (B) critical portraits of Americans who (C) thought of them (D) as model citizens.
7. Jaguars which resemble (A) leopards, but they (B) are larger and are marked (C) with rosettes rather than (D) spots.
8. Most bacteria have (A) strong cell walls much (B) like (C) that (D) of plants.
9. Bees collect (A) pollen, which (B) furnishes (C) protein for its (D) diet.
10. A small business often (A) limits their (B) operations to a single neighborhood (C) or a group of neighboring communities (D).
11. Louisa May Alcott, she (A) is best known for her books (B) for children, served as (C) a nurse during (D) the Civil War.
12. The principles (A) used in air-conditioning are basically (B) the same as those (C) used by the human body to cool himself (D).
13. In that (A) age of computers, it is (B) difficult to imagine how tedious the work (C) of accountants and clerks must have been (D) in the past.
14. In general (A), the only kind of cells that (B) cannot replace itself (C) are nerve cells (D).
15. The naturalist Edwin Teal illustration (A) his (B) books with photographs he (C) had taken himself (D).