Variable References and Pointers

Objects are stored in a centralized object store in PHP, and the variables used are pointers to those objects. When a pointer is copied to a new variable, a new object is NOT created.
☐ Changing the old variable is changing the object, so the new variable is also going to see the changes.
Arrays, Strings, Floats, and Integers, when copied to a new variable are copied
☐ Changing the old variable does not change the new variable.
Passing a value by reference uses the & sign before the \$ designation, and causes the second variable to follow the first variable.
Copying an object to a new object reference requires the use of the clone function.