

**Vague Pronouns**

Total questions: 20

Worksheet time: 15mins

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1. Which sentence has a vague pronoun error?

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| a) Armand visited George after his graduation ceremony had ended.            | b) My dad spent the entire afternoon raking up all the leaves in our front and backyard. |
| c) The puppet show performed by Henry was undoubtedly his best creation yet. | d) The dog ate all the food in its bowl and all the food in the kitty's bowl too.        |

2. Which has a vague pronoun.

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| a) Amanda took her mother and three cousins to a second hand store to buy gifts. | b) As Joe was talking to Sam, he started to cry.                                    |
| c) Will you take me to your leader?  | d) If you look carefully you can see when the magician puts the card up his sleeve. |

3. Which one does NOT have a vague pronoun?

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| a) The pirates left their gold in a hidden cave.                   | b) Although the bike hit the tree, it was not damaged.                       |
| c) Even though Jane invited Sue to the party, she was still upset. | d) My aunt visited Paula; it was the first time she had ever left the state. |

4. Which has a vague pronoun?

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| a) Despite the heat wave, they say Seattle is a cool city. | b) Don't forget to write down your homework. |
| c) His mother told him another story.                      | d) The survivors were all lucky to be alive. |

5. Miss Havisham lives with Estella in HER mansion. (This is vague. Who could "her" refer to in this sentence?)
- a) mansion
  - b) Miss Havisham and Estella
  - c) Estella
  - d) Miss Havisham
6. Which contains a vague pronoun reference?
- a) Dad was just being silly when he yelled at Rick.
  - b) Dad yelled at Rick, but he was just being silly.
7. The musicians asked me to help put instruments back on the buses, but I can't find THEM. (This is vague. Who could "them" refer to in this sentence?)
- a) musicians and instruments
  - b) musicians
  - c) instruments and buses
  - d) musicians, instruments, and buses
8. Before Sally puts fondant flowers on wedding cakes, she sprinkles THEM with sugar. (This is vague. Who could "them" refer to in this sentence?)
- a) Sally and flowers and cakes
  - b) Sally and flowers
  - c) flowers and cakes
9. What is a pronoun?
- a) A word that takes the place of adverbs.
  - b) A word that takes the place of verbs.
  - c) A word that takes the place of adjectives.
  - d) A word that takes the place of a noun.
10. Which of the below sentences contains the vague pronoun?
- a) Dad yelled at Rick, but he was just being silly.
  - b) Dad was just being silly when he yelled at Rick.

11. What is a vague pronoun?

- a) A pronoun that is easy to identify
- b) A pronoun with an unclear meaning
- c) A pronoun that mumbles when it talks
- d) A pronoun hiding in a secret location

12. Which sentence contains the vague pronoun?

- a) The fans booed and jeered at the referee because he had called it unfairly.
- b) The fans booed and jeered at the referee because he had called the game unfairly.

13. Find the vague pronoun: *Olivia and Mia went to War-Mart, and she bought her a soda.*

- a) she
- b) Olivia
- c) a
- d) Mia

14. Find the vague pronoun: *Henry saw his older brother, so he ran to give him a hug.*

- a) he
- b) Henry
- c) hug
- d) give

15. Find the vague pronoun: *Even though the boys got in a fight, he did not get in trouble.*

- a) fight
- b) boys
- c) though
- d) he

16. Find the vague pronoun: *Meredith told her boss that she is extremely smart.*

- a) her
- b) boss
- c) she
- d) Meredith

17. Find the vague pronoun: *Sally realized she forgot her wallet and ID. She will have to drive back to get it.*

- a) it
- b) she
- c) work
- d) Sally

18. Find the vague pronoun: *My cousins, Peyton and Parker, were fighting and he ended up with a black eye.*

a) Parker

b) he

c) Peyton

d) with

19. Which word in the below sentence is the vague pronoun?

Even though Jane invited Beth to the party, she was still upset.

a) upset

b) Jane

c) she

d) though

20. Which sentence has a vague pronoun error?

a) My aunt visited Paula, which made her happy.

b) My aunt visited Paula, which made Paula happy.