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Avoiding Vague Pronoun References

Practice

Write your answers on the lines and then print this page.

Read each pair of sentences below. Write the letter **V** next to the sentence that has a vague pronoun reference.

1. _____ Despite the heat wave, they say that Seattle is a cool city.
_____ Despite the heat wave, the travel brochures say that Seattle is a cool city.
2. _____ The fans booed and jeered at the referee because he had called the game unfairly.
_____ The fans booed and jeered at the referee because he had called it unfairly.
3. _____ As Joe was talking to Sam, Sam started to cry.
_____ As Joe was talking to Sam, he started to cry.
4. _____ In the first grade, they learn to read.
_____ In the first grade, students learn to read.
5. _____ Although the bike hit the tree, it was not damaged.
_____ Although the bike hit the tree, the bike was not damaged.
6. _____ Even though Jane invited Beth to the party, she was still upset.
_____ Even though Jane invited Beth to the party, Beth was still upset.

Part 8 LANGUAGE

8.1 Conventions of Standard English

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7. _____ In California, you can go surfing.
_____ In California, people can go surfing.
8. _____ My aunt visited Paula, which made her happy.
_____ My aunt visited Paula, which made Paula happy.
9. _____ They paint their houses in bright colors in that neighborhood.
_____ People paint their houses in bright colors in that neighborhood.
10. _____ Dad yelled at Rick, but he was just being silly.
_____ Dad was just being silly when he yelled at Rick.