

CHECKING PRONOUN REFERENCES

Of the numbered pronouns in each passage, circle the one that is weak, confusing, or unclear. Enter its number at the right.

1. When the new owners took over the building, Jim refused to renegotiate 1)his lease on the pub, 2)which is what 3)they wanted. _____
2. I visited the place again 1)this week. The house was locked; 2)its windows were shuttered. The potted plants has disappeared from 3)their place next to the front door. 4)This was unusual. _____
3. In 1)my home town, 2)they are finally tearing down the old city hall, 3)which was built in 1905. _____
4. When Phil introduced 1)us to 2)his new assistant, 3)he seemed ill at ease. _____
5. In and around Marseilles, 1)they often speak perfect French. However, other inhabitants of 2)this region are hard to understand because 3)they speak with local dialect, 4)which few foreigners ever study. _____
6. While Jean was fixing the dog's food, 1)it kept jumping up and snapping at her fingers. 2)This was the last time a neighbor got 3)her to take care of 4)his pet. _____
7. My psychology instructor scolded 1)his students for having 2)their English teacher revise 3)their term papers, 4)which I heartily approve of. _____
8. Mr. Smith's wife does not like 1)his mother because 2)she has a prejudice against excessive informality. 3)This prejudice, as far as I know, is not shared by 4)him. _____
9. A few months after my sister's first girl was born, the company made 1)her manager of 2)its Sioux City branch, 3)which has since moved to St. Louis. _____
10. The newspapers are attacking the mayor for 1)her use of funds 2)that were set aside for emergencies. Many people object to 3)this. _____

11. The horror comics 1)which are sold everywhere scare some young people out of 2)their wits. Many people feel that 3)they should be done away with. _____
12. My literature teacher is not popular with her students. 1)She never provides any background for 2)their reading, 3)which makes the course hard for most of 4)them. _____
13. If parents are interested in 1)their children's religious training, 2)they are usually sent to Sunday school. Few cities have public schools 3)that provide religious instruction. _____
14. The last part of the rodeo was the part that 1)I like best. Clinging to the Brahma bulls beneath 2)them, the riders hung on as 3)they tossed their heads and arched their strong backs. _____
15. During the summer, 1)my grandmother used to bake boysenberry pies, because 2)they grew in 3)her garden. _____