Pronoun Agreement – Exercise 2

This handout accompanies Exercise 2 of *Grammar Bytes!* Get the answers by doing the interactive version of the exercise at this address: <u>http://chompchomp.com/exercises.htm</u>

Directions: In the space provided, fix the underlined error.

- 1. Everyone knows that <u>they</u> will suffer indigestion after eating a chocolatebroccoli muffin.
 - 2. After accidentally decapitating the old woman's poodle, the knife jugglers jumped into **its** van and sped away.
- 3. Neither the crew members nor the manager will open <u>their</u> register to refund your money for that half-eaten hamburger.
- 4. Fingerprints and dog snot dull both the computer monitor and refrigerator door, so we better clean **it** before Grandma comes for dinner.
- 5. That runner on the track team always wins races because they have no fear of leaving some skin on the pavement.
 - 6. The catering committee did not care that **their** squid eyeball stew made everyone at the Halloween dance violently ill.
 - 7. The new and improved laundry detergent uses <u>their</u> special powers to clean the chocolate sauce from Cheryl's new skirt.
 - 8. A person who eats too many jawbreakers risks loosening <u>their</u> fillings and chipping his teeth.
 - _9. Mr. Smith, like Beverly and Jeremiah, has decided to spend <u>their</u> lunch break eating pepperoni pizza at the campus cafeteria.
 - __10. With the right training, every puppy and kitten eventually learns not to urinate on <u>their</u> owner's floor.
 - _11. My grandmother, as well as many other older women, believes that **<u>they</u>** should wait until a man calls her, rather than calling the man first.
 - 12. If anyone needs Pepto Bismol after eating a fudge-stuffed mushroom, <u>they</u> should rush to the bathroom before the entire bottle is gone.

- 13. The boss rambled for forty-five long minutes before he finally sat down and shut up. Everyone in the room wished that <u>they</u> had bought a cup of coffee before coming to the meeting.
- 14. So boring was the lecture that Cindy focused solely on her professor's moving hands; <u>it</u> jumped and twitched like electrified spiders on the surface of the podium.
- 15. Every piece of Debra's jewelry glittered in the light; **they** gave the impression that Debra had been dipped in gold.
 - ____16. Each of Mike's ties has such a colorful psychedelic pattern that <u>they</u> <u>hypnotize</u> the people who see it.
- 17. The committee made a unanimous decision to use <u>their</u> bake sale funds to buy plane tickets to Hawaii instead of new uniforms for the band members.
- 18. Eli needed scissors to cut through the thick mailing tape that wrapped the box of chocolate-covered ants sent from Mom, but he couldn't find **<u>it</u>** anywhere.
- 19. Neither Oreo, my dog, nor Blaze and Chance, my cousins, will give up <u>his</u> <u>cookie</u>, even if I ask politely.
 - 20. The faculty believes that **their** mission is to prepare students to be good citizens as well as good employees.

