

EXERCISE 22-1 Pronoun-antecedent agreement

Edit the following sentences to eliminate problems with pronoun-antecedent agreement. Most of the sentences can be revised in more than one way, so experiment before choosing a solution. If a sentence is correct, write “correct” after it. Example:

Recruiters

~~The recruiter~~ may tell the truth, but there is much that they choose not to tell.

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- a. Every presidential candidate must appeal to a wide variety of ethnic and social groups if they want to win the election.
 - b. David lent his motorcycle to someone who allowed their friend to use it.
 - c. The instructor has asked everyone to bring their tools to carpentry class.
 - d. The parade committee was unanimous in its decision to allow all groups and organizations to join the festivities.
 - e. The applicant should be bilingual if they want to qualify for this position.
1. If a driver refuses to take a blood or breath test, he or she will have their licenses suspended for six months.
 2. Why should we care about the timber wolf? One answer is that they have proven beneficial to humans by killing off weakened prey.
 3. The National Rifle Association argues that current gun laws should be enforced. In the past, however, they have opposed nearly all proposed legislation affecting guns.
 4. Eight highly qualified firefighters applied for the forestry position in Durango, each hoping for a career move that would allow them to hone their skills in battling and preventing forest fires.
 5. If anyone notices any suspicious activity, they should report it to the police.